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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,		GRAND MASTER,		Raleigh.
CHARLES H. ROBINSON,		DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,		Wilmington.
SAMUEL H. SMITH,	.....	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	Winston.
HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER,	.....	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	Asheville.
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,	.....	GRAND TREASURER,	.....	Raleigh.
DONALD W. BAIN,	.....	GRAND SECRETARY,	.....	Raleigh.
CHARLES M. PAYNE,	.....	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	.....	Concord.
JOHN W. GIDNEY,	.....	SENIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	Shelby.
JOHN W. COTTEN,	.....	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	Tarboro.
WILLIAM N. BENTON,	.....	GRAND MARSHAL,	.....	Smithfield.
R. W. KING,	.....	GRAND SWORD BEARER,	.....	Wilson.
JOHN A. NICHOLS,	.....	GRAND PURSUIVANT,	.....	Marshall.
P. A. WILSON,	.....	GRAND STEWARD,	.....	Winston.
DAVID ROSENTHAL,	.....	GRAND STEWARD,	.....	Raleigh.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,	.....	GRAND TILER,	.....	Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina commenced its Ninety-ninth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, January 12th, A. L. 5886, A. D. 1886, and was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges was represented.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Nelson, D. D., Grand Chaplain, *pro tem*.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W.,	FABIUS H. BUSBEE.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	CHARLES H. ROBINSON,.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,.....	<i>as Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN,.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
BRO.	WILLIAM A. NELSON,.....	<i>as Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	JOHN W. GIDNEY,.....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	JOHN W. COTTEN,.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	WILLIAM N. BENTON,.....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	JAMES I. MACKS,.....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
"	HENRY M. STROUSE,.....	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	MILES GOODWIN,.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

And the following Past Grand Officers :

M. W., John Nichols, Past Grand Master.

M. W. Horace H. Munson, Past Grand Master.

R. W., Samuel H. Rountree, Past Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master announced the delay of the arrival of R. W., H. A. Gudger, Junior Grand Warden, as caused by the interruption of travel on the Western North Carolina Railroad.

Bro. C. B. Edwards, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the report of that committee, which was read, accepted and recommitted to the committee for such additions thereto as representatives may report themselves.

The following is the report complete :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee on Credentials, having examined the credentials submitted to them, report lodges represented as follows:

ST. JOHN'S,.....	No. 1.....	J. I. Macks, W. M., H. H. Munson proxy for S. W.
ST. JOHN'S,.....	" 3.....	Thomas Daniels, W. M., and proxy for S. W.; Thos. A. Green prox for J. W.
CHARITY,.....	" 5.....	W. C. Livermon..... Rep.
UNANIMITY,.....	" 7.....	R. H. Bradley,..... proxy for Rep.
PHOENIX,.....	" 8.....	W. F. Beasley..... proxy for Officers.
PHALANX,.....	" 31.....	B. F. Dixon..... proxy for Officers.
DAVIE,.....	" 39.....	Wm. C. Livermon..... J. W.
HIRAM,	" 40.....	S. M. Parish, W. M., G. Rosenthal, proxy for S. W., M. J. Hawkins, J. W.
HALL,.....	" 53.....	C. D. Rice,..... proxy for Officers.
KING SOLOMON,.....	" 56.....	R. T. Stephenson, W. M., M. F. Stancell and Jno. T. Magee, proxy for Wardens.
CONCORD,.....	" 58.....	John W. Cotten..... Rep.
GOLDEN FLEECE,.....	" 74.....	N. T. Riggs, W. M., J. M. Smith, ... Rep.
FELLOWSHIP,.....	" 84.....	W. N. Benton, W. M., Elias Rose, proxy for S. W.
SKEWARKEY,.....	" 90.....	John W. Cotten..... Rep.
JOSEPH WARREN,.....	" 92.....	F. M. Moyer,..... W. M.
JERUSALEM,.....	" 95.....	S. H. Rountree..... proxy for Officers.
ST. JOHN'S,.....	" 96.....	S. H. Rountree,..... W. M.
WAKE FOREST,.....	" 97.....	W. W. Wynne, T. C. Robertson, ... Reps.
HIRAM,.....	" 98.....	D. A. Culbreth,..... W. M.
FRANKLIN,.....	" 109.....	J. B. Neathery,..... Rep.
WAYNE,.....	" 112.....	H. M. Strouse,..... proxy for Officers.
HOLLY SPRING,.....	" 115.....	J. M. Jones,..... W. M.
MT. LEBANON,.....	" 117.....	R. W. King,..... Rep.
MT. HERMON,.....	" 118.....	John A. Nichols,..... proxy for Officers.
FRANKLINTON,.....	" 123.....	R. J. Blackley,..... S. W.
MILL CREEK,.....	" 125.....	W. N. Benton,..... proxy for Officers.
HANKS,.....	" 128.....	H. M. Cowan,..... proxy for Officers.
RADIANCE,.....	" 132.....	D. A. Darden,..... Rep.

MOUNT VERNON,.....	No. 143.....	W. W. Edwards,.....	S. W.
PALMYRA,.....	" 147.....	Neill S. Stewart,.....	Rep.
WHITE STONE,.....	" 155.....	J. R. Brown,.....	J. W.
ROLESVILLE,.....	" 156.....	J. B. Redford and W. K. Hunter,...	Reps.
MOUNT PLEASANT,.....	" 157.....	Dudley Peed,.....	W. M.
DEEP RIVER,.....	" 164.....	H. C. Vestal,.....	Rep.
WINSTON,.....	" 167.....	P. A. Wilson, Jr., S. W., S. D. Frank- lin, Rep.	
BUFFALO,.....	" 172.....	J. R. Watson, W. M., Wm. E. Murchi- son, proxy for S. W. and J. W.,	
GEORGE WASHINGTON,..	" 174.....	S. G. Wilson,.....	W. M.
SANDY CREEK,.....	" 185.....	J. H. Gupton, W. M., J. J. Ward and R. H. Strickland, proxy for Officers.	
CENTRAL CROSS,.....	" 187.....	Thomas W. Stokes,.....	proxy for Officers.
GRANITE,.....	" 191.....	W. H. Lancaster,.....	S. W.
CLEVELAND,.....	" 202.....	J. W. Gidney,.....	W. M.
ROANOKE,.....	" 203.....	Exum Lewis,.....	Rep.
MINGO,.....	" 206.....	William Daughtry,.....	J. W.
RICHLAND,.....	" 214.....	J. A. Leach,.....	W. M.
WILLIAM G. HILL,.....	" 218.....	E. M. Uzzell, W. M., Charles Wallin, S. W., David Rosenthal, J. W.	
CORINTHIAN,.....	" 230.....	John G. Snyder,.....	Rep.
GUNTER,.....	" 232.....	C. M. Holt, W. M., B. A. Spence, S. W.	
LENOIR,.....	" 233.....	C. S. Wooten,.....	Rep.
ANCHOR,.....	" 234.....	R. Kelly,	W. M.
ATLANTIC,.....	" 238.....	A. O. Edson,.....	W. M.
ROUNTREE,.....	" 243.....	Lewis Kilpatrick, proxy for W. M. and S. W.	
LILY VALLEY,.....	" 252.....	Thomas Badger,.....	proxy for Officers.
BEULAH,.....	" 257.....	R. M. Pulley,.....	S. W.
HARNETT,.....	" 258.....	A. N. Campbell,.....	W. M.
EXCELSIOR,.....	" 261.....	B. F. Dixon,.....	proxy for Officers.
WATAUGA,.....	" 273.....	D. W. Bain,.....	proxy for Officers.
GREEN LEVEL,.....	" 277.....	W. B. Upchurch,.....	S. W.
COLESVILLE,.....	" 278.....	H. M. Cowan,.....	proxy for Officers.
SAPONA,.....	" 280.....	W. J. Sloan,.....	Rep.
FRENCH BROAD,.....	" 292.....	J. A. Nichols,.....	J. W.
STONEWALL,.....	" 296.....	J. A. Whitley,.....	Rep.
EVERGREEN,.....	" 303.....	L. McN. McDonald,.....	W. M.
PLEASANT HILL,.....	" 304.....	C. C. Fordham,.....	Rep.
LAURINBURG,.....	" 305.....	D. K. F. Everett,.....	proxy for Officers.
HATCHER,.....	" 310.....	D. M. Stott,.....	W. M.
NEW LEBANON,.....	" 314.....	Geo. H. Riggs,.....	proxy for Officers.
WILMINGTON,.....	" 319.....	H. H. Munson,.....	proxy for Officers.
SELMA,.....	" 320.....	W. N. Benton, proxy for W. M. and S. W.	

WHITE HILL,.....	No. 321	William Rogers,.....	Rep.
WINTON,.....	" 327	J. W. Faison,.....	Rep.
BLACK CREEK,.....	" 330	H. D. Lucas,.....	Rep.
BAYBORO',.....	" 331	W. D. Alfred, W. M., J. B. Sawyer, proxy for S. W. and J. W.	
IONIC,.....	" 337	J. P. Sugg,.....	W. M.
FAIRVIEW,.....	" 339	B. F. Dixon,	Rep.
HARMONY,.....	" 340	J. H. Perkins,.....	Rep.
CEDAR FORK,.....	" 342	J. M. Pugh,.....	W. M.
STANLY,.....	" 348	G. Rosenthal,.....	proxy for Officers.
DURHAM,	" 352	J. W. Blackwell,.....	Rep.
DELLAPLANE,.....	" 355	W. E. Anderson,.....	proxy for Rep.
DOUBLE SHOAL,.....	" 356	J. W. Gidney,.....	Rep.
EAST LA PORTE,.....	" 358	A. H. A. Williams,.....	proxy for Officers.
MT. VERNON,.....	" 359	Henry A. Reel,.....	S. W.
SNOW,	" 363	Wm. Simpson,.....	proxy for Rep.
CRAIGHEAD,.....	" 366	J. W. Mullen and J. C. Hunter,.....	Reps.
MOUNT PISGAH,.....	" 368	L. D. Baucum, W. M., C. R. Scott, S. W.	
OLIVE BRANCH,.....	" 371	T. A. Bingham,.....	S. W.
ELK,.....	" 373	D. W. Bain.....	proxy for Officers.
YOUNGSVILLE,	" 377	S. N. Little, W. M., T. L. Carmichael, J. W.	
SEABOARD,.....	" 378	A. B. Daughtrey,.....	W. M.
COHARIE,.....	" 379	Isham Royal, F. P. Tolar,.....	Reps.
GRANVILLE,.....	" 380	B. Walker,.....	Rep.
REIDSVILLE,.....	" 384	D. W. Bain,.....	proxy for Officers.
TEMPERANCE,.....	" 389	Calvin Cox,.....	W. M.
TALLY HO,	" 393	D. M. Roberts, proxy for W. M., H. W. Jones, proxy for S. W., J. R. Walters, J. W.	
ORIENT,.....	" 395	H. H. Munson,.....	proxy for Officers.
OXFORD,.....	" 396	A. H. A. Williams.....	Rep.
CONOHO,	" 399	J. A. Whitley.....	Rep.
NEWFOUND,.....	" 400	C. F. Gilbert.....	W. M.
C. B. EDWARDS, } Committee.			
DUDLEY PEED, }			

The Grand Master delivered his address, which was, on motion of Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., referred to a special committee, announced by the Deputy Grand Master, as follows: Bros. John Nichols, P. G. M., H. H. Munson, P. G. M., and R. W. King.

ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

BRETHREN :—To the Masons of North Carolina, assembled in their Ninety-ninth Annual Communication, it is my high privilege to extend fraternal greetings.

In the face of a financial stringency, wide-spread and all-embracing, in spite of agricultural depression and commercial uncertainties, and not deterred by weather of unexampled severity, from all sections of our broad Commonwealth, you have met around the central altar of our venerable brotherhood. From work-shop and pulpit, from farm and office, from counting-room and school-house, you testify by your presence your devotion to the tenets, and your interest in the practical charities of Masonry. And this, it must be noted, is in a jurisdiction whose regulations do not provide for the payment of mileage and per diem to the representatives of lodges.

The year of my stewardship has not been one of unmixed sunshine, but yet its record, properly considered, will afford us many causes for gratitude. The death of the great American soldier, bringing all sections together in the tie of a common sorrow, has demonstrated the fact that the American people are to-day, more than for twenty-five years before, united in heart and impulse. The reunification of States and peoples is complete.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Within our borders the Great Reaper has not stayed his hand,

Rev. B. C. Phillips, Past Grand Chaplain, has fallen at his post of duty—a loyal soldier of the Cross. A zealous and eloquent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, an honest man, a devoted Mason, trustfully he passed to the rewards that await him who endureth to the end.

Rev. Johnson Olive, of Wake county—a faithful pastor of the Baptist Church, an influential citizen, a tried and loyal Mason—has also been called from his labors to “The bosom of his Father and his God.” In Wake county especially, among the people to whom he ministered so acceptably, his memory will be forever blessed.

And Rev. John W. Lewis, a typical Methodist minister, patient, earnest, filled with the enthusiasm of Christianity, has closed his weary eyes on earth.

These are the men whose bright examples shine as guiding stars to weaker natures, whose lives were spent in daily sacrifice, and whose minds had early learned the great truth that

“Life is probation, and this earth no goal,
But starting-point of man.”

Thomas Palmer, Grand Lecturer, an aged light of the order; George M. Smedes—young, learned, filled with genius—alike have fallen. I leave to the proper committee fitly to portray the sterling virtues of the many good members whose loss our records disclose, among whom I. F. Caviness, W. J. Exum, and others, are sadly numbered.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, to whom I am so much indebted for counsel and assistance during the year, you will learn in detail the state of

the order. Upon a survey of the whole field, the outlook is decidedly encouraging. Purged of many drones, the lodges for the most part are in good working condition, and hopeful for the future. Dispensations have been granted for the establishment of ten new lodges, and several dormant lodges have been revived. While I have not seen fit to deny any petitions for new lodges, concerning their formation, I desire to sound a note of warning to my successor. An increase in the number of lodges is by no means necessarily a matter of congratulation, and petitions should be carefully considered. In county-seats the formation of new lodges is generally to be promoted, but whenever any question arises about the ability of the new lodge to develop strength, the petition should not be granted. One strong lodge is more potent for good than a dozen weak ones.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Three special communications have been held during the year. One for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Elk Lodge, No. 373, at Elk Cross Roads, Watauga county, on June 24th, with Worshipful Master A. F. Davis, acting as Grand Master. Another was held at Shelby, on December 28th, 1885, in order to dedicate the hall of Cleveland Lodge, No. 202; Bro. J. W. Gidney, under special deputation, acted as Grand Master.

On June 18th a special communication was held at Greensboro, in response to an invitation to lay the corner-stone of the United States Court-house and Post-office building. The corner-stone was laid by the Grand Master, with the appropriate ceremonies of the order, in the presence of a large concourse of people. This was followed by a short address from myself, and a fitting and eloquent oration was then delivered by Col. John N. Staples. The occasion was one of considerable interest, and it is to be hoped, of encouragement to masonry.

* DECISIONS.

As is always the case, I have been called upon to decide many questions which could have been fully solved by a reference to the Digest; but as has already been said in another jurisdiction, one should never complain of a question because it is an easy one. Those decisions, which should be submitted to this Grand Body for its review, are given here, although many of them are in effect repetitions of former adjudications, and decide no new principle.

1. A member of a lodge was adjudged a lunatic in 1861, and was sent to the Asylum. The secretary, without any action by the lodge, dropped his name from the rolls. He has recently been discharged from the Asylum as cured; *Held*, that neither the secretary nor, it would seem, the lodge, had any right to drop his name. He remains a member of the lodge and it requires no vote to re-instate him. As for his dues during the period of his insanity it is not to be presumed that any lodge would seek to exact them. Insanity is a disease, and does not alter the relation of a mason, thus afflicted, to his lodge; except that no lunatic can enter the lodge-room.

2. A Mason becomes a member of a lodge when he signs the by-laws. If, after he is raised, a mason refuses to sign the by-laws, or after he is warned, neglects to do so, he becomes non-affiliate and not entitled to masonic benefits. A member of a lodge excluded for non-payment of dues, and afterwards reinstated upon payment, is not required to sign the by-laws a second time.

3. An Englishman (or other alien) not naturalized, resident in this jurisdiction for twelve months or more, is eligible to initiation and membership.

4. A Master of a chartered lodge during the year for which he was elected, whether he has changed his residence or not, cannot be appointed Master of a lodge under dispensation.

5. A deacon, being an installed officer, under the North Carolina Code, cannot receive a dimit during the year for which he was appointed.

6. A failure to attend a lodge in answer to a summons requiring a delinquent to appear and show cause why he should not be dismembered for non-payment of dues, is an admission of the justice and propriety of the dismemberment. Unless there are unusual circumstances attending the case it does not warrant the lodge in trying the delinquent for wilful disobedience of summons. Especially is this true when the delinquent is a non-resident.

7. A Mason is indicted for murder, convicted, granted a new trial in the appellate court, re-tried, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced. Charges were preferred against him and the trial postponed to await the verdict in the courts; *Held*, that the notes of evidence in the courts were not evidence against him, unless admitted by consent; but that upon a charge that he had been guilty of felony, a record of his conviction would be *prima facie* evidence, and unless rebutted to the satisfaction of the lodge would justify a verdict of guilty.

8. After a favorable ballot upon a petition for the degrees in the usual form, and the initiation of the candidate, any member of the lodge may demand the ballot upon the advancement of the candidate, and cannot be questioned as to his reasons or motives. This is the law in North Carolina; the practice is not uniform in all the jurisdictions, some requiring reasons to be stated, and others allowing no ballot after the general one.

9. A dispensation should not be granted to permit a candidate to be balloted for who has not resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge for twelve months; in such case the consent of the lodge having jurisdiction in the place from which the candidate removed should be obtained.

10. A Mason who had become non-affiliate by non-payment of dues (his failure to pay arising partly from want of means caused by ill-health), desired to be re-instated, and had slowly accumulated by day-labor money to pay his dues. He was taken ill and died before re-instatement. Upon a petition by the lodge for a dispensation to bury him with masonic honors;

Held, that, as it was stated that if the facts had been fully known the Mason would not have been dismembered, it was one of the rare cases in which a dispensation should be granted to bury a non-affiliate with masonic honors. The propriety of this dispensation is questioned, and the opinion of the Grand Lodge is asked upon it.

11. No dispensation will be granted to permit a lodge under dispensation to work with less than seven members of the lodge.

VISITATIONS.

Upon this subject, brethren, my safest policy is to throw myself upon your tender mercies. As Grand Master, I have not visited the craft in various parts of the jurisdiction to the extent that I had hoped and expected. At Wilmington, Elizabeth City, Smithfield and Greensboro, the pleasure was afforded me of meeting the lodges, and the occasions were to me especially gratifying.

Invitations were received to attend and address masonic assemblages in Iredell and Cabarrus counties, which, greatly to my regret, I was forced to decline. There is much good to be done by visitation and inspection of the various lodges by the official head of the order. A Grand Master should not wait for invitations. The lodges that do not invite, perhaps do not desire his presence, are the lodges which most require attention. I trust that my successor will prove himself diligent in this regard.

DEDICATION OF WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

The officers of the Grand Lodge received from the Grand Master of the District of Columbia an invitation to be present at the masonic ceremonies upon the dedication of the Washington Monument, February 23d, 1885. It was my purpose to attend, but at the last moment, sickness in my family prevented. Fortunately the Deputy Grand Master was able to be present, and right worthily to represent the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. At my request he has consented to make a report to this body concerning the interesting ceremonies, to which report I invite your attention.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

His comments upon the regalia and jewel of the Deputy Grand Master deserve your consideration. The contrast between the jewel and apron of the Grand Master and those of the other officers is so marked as to render our deficiency in this respect very noticeable. The dignity of this Grand Body, which will, at its next communication, celebrate its centennial anniversary, does not comport well with the antiquated trappings in which our officers are apparelled. I do not ask an extravagant appropriation, nor am I unmindful of the moving cause which has enforced our economy. In the presence of other jurisdictions, clad in expensive regalia and glittering with the sheen of their jewels, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, plain, old-fashioned, almost tawdry, if you will, like the immortal mother of the Gracchi, can turn with pardonable pride to her hundred and seventy-five orphan children and exclaim: "These are my jewels!"

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Rescued from lives of poverty and vice, comfortably clad, fed with wholesome food, instructed in useful labor, the orphans in the Oxford Asylum are our living evidences of the practical charity of free masonry. It is the completest vindication of the claim of masonry to the approbation and support of the good men and women of North Carolina. For the flower of word-tribute to Brotherly Love is of little value unless succeeded by the fruit of loving deeds. Though masonry should "speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity," it will indeed "become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

Shortly after the last communication of this Grand Body the Directors of the Orphan Asylum appeared before the Joint Committee on Finance of the General Assembly, and asked that the appropriation by the State in aid of that institution be increased to ten thousand dollars. The reasons for this request were given at length and the necessities and desires of the Asylum were frankly laid before the committee. To the credit of the representatives of our Commonwealth be it stated, that without reference to locality, party, color, or denomination, by a vote, practically unanimous, the appropriation was given.

Masons of North Carolina, I earnestly pray that you may feel the full weight of the responsibility which this action of the Legislature imposes upon every member of the fraternity. We are made the almoners of the charity of the State; upon us is devolved the obligation of carrying into full effect the constitutional obligation resting upon the General Assembly "to provide for the establishment of one or more Orphan Houses," and for the method in which we execute the trust we are responsible to the tax-payers of North Carolina.

It is a rare compliment to entrust duties of this importance to directors who are not appointed by State authority. The appropriation is not sufficient, nor is it intended to be sufficient, to support the Asylum. If it were, no self-respecting mason would administer the fund as a masonic charity. The purpose declared was to enable the authorities of the Asylum to increase the number of inmates, to receive children at a younger age and to discharge its inmates at an increased age when their interests would be thereby promoted. And especially is it intended to establish features of industrial education. The report of the Directors and accompanying report of the Superintendent should receive your careful scrutiny.

No one feels the deficiencies of the Asylum more than those connected with its management, and their unremitting endeavor during the coming year shall be to supply its wants. The children should be plainly and warmly clad, fed with plain and well-cooked food, and instructed in the ordinary branches of a common school education. But this is not enough; the Asylum is not a boarding school. They must be carefully guarded as to their morals; all the vices of their early training which exist in many instances, must be, if possible, carefully eradicated, and they must be taught to work.

A habit of industry acquired early in life is the most valuable education man or woman can have. It is the intention of the Directors to set on foot a department of instruction in plain cookery. It ought to be now in full operation, but the delay has not been due to neglect by any one. If there be an art essential to human happiness, if there be a science neglected and untaught, if there be an accomplishment not difficult of acquirement and never forgotten when once learned, surely it is the art, the science, the accomplishment of cookery. Whether the girls are to become teachers, nurses, housekeepers, or wives and mothers, whatever station in life they may reach, this training will prove an unmixed blessing.

The girls are also taught plain sewing, and we have added during the year more advanced instruction in dress-making. Both girls and boys who show aptitude are to be encouraged to learn type-writing, and as soon as our arrangements can be perfected a department of telegraphy will be added.

The boys are now taught printing, and the operations of the printing-office during the past year have been very successful. The Asylum baker has an intelligent and interested class who are learning the mysteries of the oven. Farm work is required and it is hoped that we can include practical instruction and practice which will help the boys to positions as overseers. Gardening will hereafter receive more attention and should be taught as a regular branch of instruction. A wood-working department and a department of shoe-making are also in contemplation. These are not yet all accomplished facts, but we trust that all will soon be.

These features which will add so materially to the value of the institution will necessarily increase the expenditures, and we shall be obliged to rely no less than heretofore, upon the liberality of the Masons of North Carolina. And not upon Masons alone, but upon the whole body of the people, the churches, and the benevolent of every class and denomination. Mrs. Ann E. Earnheart, of Rowan county, has left to the Asylum an interest in a small but valuable tract of land, to vest upon the death of her husband. Mrs. S. A. Elliott, the firm friend of the orphans, has been enabled by her collections to purchase a handsome piano, and Col. W. F. Beasley has, as usual, made Christmas a merry season for the children.

CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE.

An elaborate plan of a co-operative insurance scheme, to be carried on under the supervision and with the approval of the Grand Lodge, will come before you for your action. As I shall not participate in any debate upon the subject, I think it my duty to say that the universal experience of other jurisdictions warrants the advice that so serious an undertaking shall not be lightly entered into. A failure would tend to the permanent injury of masonry in this jurisdiction. The organization of the Grand Lodge is in my opinion unfitted for such work, and the criticism upon the scheme in the reports on foreign,

correspondence of other Grand Lodges is unanimous in condemnation. But the intelligent and zealous author of the plan will present its claims to you, and it is unnecessary to bespeak for him an attentive hearing.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

For some years past the journal of our proceedings has contained no report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This omission is a very important one and tends to weaken the fraternal bond which should unite North Carolina with other jurisdictions.

Some of the most eminent Masons of the country yearly review in their report the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges, and their criticisms and commentaries constitute most valuable treatises upon masonic jurisprudence and compendiums of contemporary history. Such men as Drummond of Maine, Vaux of Pennsylvania, Gurney of Illinois, Vincil of Missouri, and others of equal distinction, devote laborious days to these reports. In North Carolina we have been marvellously unfortunate, we have tried masonic lecturers, a journalist, a congressman, and all have failed us.

I recommend the appointment of the Grand Secretary upon the committee, and if the Grand Master's Private Secretary shall be (as he should be) competent to take part, he should be added, and from these salaried officers perhaps we may get a report next year.

LODGE-ROOM AT HILLSBORO.

I am so anxious to see a new and vigorous lodge established, or the old one revived at Hillsboro, that I have not ordered the sale of the building.

GRAND LECTURERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have appointed the following Grand Lecturers: Samuel H. Rountree, Bernice Walker, C. D. Rice, B. W. Hatcher, W. P. Williams, D. W. Stott, Dudley Peed, Thomas Palmer, Thos. B. Carr, W. W. Griggs, J. R. Williams.

Upon the nomination of the Grand Master of Kentucky, I appointed Dr. R. S. Coleman as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and upon the nomination of the Grand Master of Iowa, I appointed John M. Zane, Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

I also appointed Stith N. Sullivan, of Dayton, our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

To my Private Secretary, John B. Neathery, Esq., I am much indebted for faithful service and masonic counsel.

CENTENNIAL.

The charter authorizing the formation of lodges in North Carolina was granted in 1771 by Beaufort, Grand Master of England. But the records of the Grand Lodge from 1771 until 1787 were lost or destroyed, and

there remains no remembrance of them among men or Masons. On the 9th of December, 1787, at Tarboro, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was reorganized, and Gov. Samuel Johnson was elected the first Grand Master. Our next annual communication, therefore, will be the centennial communication of the order, and December 9th, 1887, following such communication, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the reorganization.

Whether it is desirable to take any formal steps to recognize with appropriate ceremoninal such anniversary, and in that event, where the celebration shall take place and whether it shall be at the next communication or on December 9th, 1887, I leave to your decision.

And now, brethren, in returning the gavel of authority to the Grand Body, from whose hands I received it, I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the uniform support and kindness I have experienced from the Masons of North Carolina, individually and collectively.

The position of Grand Master is not one to be lightly sought or lightly held, and its duties and responsibilities cannot with credit be shirked or evaded. It is an honor which the most eminent men in North Carolina have been proud to receive at the hands of their brethren. Governor Johnson, Governor Richard Caswell, William R. Davie, the patriot, statesman and scholar; Col. William Polk, an honored patriot of the Revolution; Chief-Justice Taylor, Judge Hall, John H. Wheeler, and many other distinguished men, some of whom yet remain among us, have filled this historic seat.

I am conscious that I have fallen far short of the high demands of the office, but I trust that I have not been unfaithful to the landmarks of Masonry; that so far as in me lay, I have not permitted her out-works to be left unguarded or her flag to be lowered. God grant that her benign influence may never cease to bless the land, and that her light may shine to guide generations yet unborn! *Esto perpetua!*

FABIUS H. BUSBEE, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was read and referred to the committee on the books and report of that officer:

REPORT.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
RALEIGH, January 12th, 1886.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

This Grand Body is approaching a period replete with interest, not only to the brotherhood of this Grand Jurisdiction, but also to the fraternity at large. The ninety-ninth annual communication brings us near to the centenary of actual existence. It is true one centennial has already been celebrated, but in

honor of the first organization of the Grand Lodge in the year 1771 (the exact date of which is more a tradition than history), and to commemorate the date, January 14th, 1771, when the Duke of Beaufort issued his commission to Joseph Montfort, of Halifax, North Carolina, as Provincial Grand Master of and for America, with authority to establish Lodges, &c.

While the history of the first organization of the Grand Lodge is lost to us, yet, from the tradition which we have, it was proper for the Grand Lodge to select the date borne, as it were, on its *magna charta*, from which to celebrate its centennial.

After years of suspension, however, our records furnish a date of reorganization from which we have a perpetual existence, to-wit: December 9th, 1787, when the Grand Lodge, by the act of constituent lodges, was reconstituted in the town of Tarborough.

The centennial day is remote. Yet it is suggested that this Grand Body take such steps as may be necessary to secure a creditable observance of the one hundredth annual communication, or the centenary date of its reorganization, December 9th, 1787. I second the suggestions of the Grand Master on this subject.

I can say that the fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction has had a prosperous year. Not that the returns of Lodges show a very large number of accessions, but, from a correspondence with the Lodges and individuals, which has been unusually extensive, I find that a greater interest in masonry has been awakened in many localities, and there is increased desire generally to ascertain what the work and jurisprudence of this jurisdiction are and to conform to them.

In submitting this report, I may refer to some matters which were noticed in former reports, and their importance will admit of repetition.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LODGES.

Ten new lodges have been established under the dispensation of the Grand Master, as follows:

February 2d, 1885, Newfound, at Leicester, Buncombe county.

March 13th, Joppa, at Old Fort, McDowell county.

April 23d, Centre, at Flint Hill, Buncombe county.

May 1st, Farmers, at Farmers P. O., Randolph county.

July 4th, Ocean, at Morehead, Carteret county.

July 21st, Conoho, at Hamilton, Martin county.

September 4th, Bald Creek, at Bald Creek, Yancey county.

September 5th, Dobson, at Dobson, Surry county.

October 14th, Yadkin Falls, in Stanly county.

January 6th, 1886, Ivy, at Paint Fork, Madison county.

Union Lodge, at Enochsville, Rowan county, established under dispensation December 25th, 1884, was continued under dispensation.

Chalmers Lodge, No. 151, at Carbondon, Moore county, and Air Line Lodge, No. 369, at Gastonia, Gaston county, were revived under the special dispensation of the Grand Master.

I report no lodges as having forfeited their charters. There are some that owe two years' dues, but indulgence has been extended until after this annual communication, as I have sufficient evidence of their desire to pay their indebtedness and resume work regularly.

REVENUE.

The receipts of the masonic year amount to three thousand five hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifteen cents, made up as follows:

Dues from lodges for the year 1884 and previous years.....	\$3,151 25
Charters, deducting Grand Secretary's fees.	228 00
Dispensations, deducting Grand Secretary's fees.....	90 00
Sales of the Code.....	10 00
Diplomas	75
Sales of property of extinct lodges.....	44 65
Sales of Proceedings of Grand Lodge.....	1 50
Total	\$3,526 15

This amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

In explanation of the deficiency of receipts from dues of lodges, as compared with the amount which should be realized at the rate of fifty cents per capita on the aggregate of membership, I state that many of the lodges fail to pay promptly each year the dues charged to them, owing, as I am advised, to no well-defined system of collecting the dues of their members, and which results in serious embarrassments. Some indulgence has been extended which has proven beneficial in many instances, and charters of lodges have thereby been saved. Such means have been resorted to for the additional purpose of discouraging the disposition on the part of members of lodges, under the effect of embarrassment, to surrender the charters and organize new lodges, and thus cast out such as are regarded unworthy or unreliable. I am of opinion that the course pursued has contributed largely to the spirit of revival which has manifested itself in many of the lodges whose dissolution seemed probable, whereas an opposite course would have resulted disastrously to the lodges involved.

MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED LODGES.

Section two, of Article six of the Code, formerly provided that, "when a lodge has forfeited its charter and sent its records to the Grand Secretary, the former members of such lodge, before uniting with another lodge, or petitioning for a dispensation for a new lodge, shall be provided by the Grand Secretary with a certificate of their having formerly belonged to such lodge, on receipt by him of all dues shown by such records to be owing by them to their former lodge."

This law seemed to have answered its purpose so far as to furnish a convenient mode of affiliation, and authentic evidence of former standing, and was generally satisfactory, except as to the requirement in the payment of dues, which, in many cases, was a hardship, owing to the accumulation of dues appearing on the books against them.

This law was amended at the Annual Communication of 1882, as follows:

"When a lodge has forfeited its charter and sent its records to the Grand Secretary, the former members of said lodge may, upon a petition setting forth the said facts, become members of the nearest lodge, or petition for a dispensation for a new lodge."

Experience proves that the amendment has not fully met its purpose, in that many applicants for reaffiliation have met the difficulty of establishing their status in their former lodge, from the fact that the lodges required more evidence than was furnished by correspondence with former members of the extinct lodges, and the Grand Secretary's authority to furnish certificates was abridged by the amendment. Especially is this the case with reference to brethren who had removed to other Grand Jurisdictions. It is apparent that a more definite regulation should be adopted.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

The continual increase of the library requires enlarged accommodations. I have not been able, with the provisions already made, to properly file and preserve all the papers of former years and continue the binding of pamphlets and journals. Additional shelving and room for the Grand Secretary's apartments are needed, and I respectfully recommend that an appropriation of, at least, fifty dollars be made for this purpose. A larger amount may be found necessary in the progress of the work.

The library and papers are valuable, and have been as well cared for as the limited accommodations would admit.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

There is an encouraging indication that secretaries of lodges, generally, appreciate the importance of complying with the law, both as to the preparation and transmission of returns. Yet, there are exceptions, in which cases secretaries give reasons for irregularities and delay, which are represented as unavoidable, arising, in most cases, from a change in the office of secretary. The time between the close of the Masonic year, October 31st, and the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, contributes to a more expeditious and satisfactory closing of the year's labors, the comparison and verification of returns and correct charge for dues.

It is hoped that secretaries of lodges will see the importance of a compliance with the law, as it would relieve this office of much unnecessary correspondence and expedite their own work.

Fraternally submitted,

DONALD W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer presented his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

W. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

DR.		
To balance on hand as per last report.....	\$	74 51
To amount received from Grand Secretary for past Masonic year.....		3,526 15
Total.....	\$	3,600 66

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1885. By amounts paid out to sundry persons, as follows:		
Jan. 15 G. Rosenthal services as Assistant Grand Secretary.....		25
Jan. 15 Rev. B. C. Phillips, Grand Chaplain, expenses to Annual Communication, '85.		1 55
Jan. 15 J. A. Nichols, Grand Pursuivant, expenses to Annual Communication, '85		27 20
Jan. 15 S. H. Smith, Senior Grand Warden, expenses to Annual Communication, '85.....		13 25
Jan. 13 Jno. W. Cotten, Junior Grand Deacon, expenses to Annual Communication, '85.....		15 00
Jan. 15 J. W. Gidney, Senior Grand Deacon, expenses to Annual Communication, '85.....		26 00
Jan. 16 W. N. Benton, Grand Marshal, expenses to Annual Communication, '85.....		10 95
Jan. 16 C. H. Robinson, Senior Grand Warden, expenses to Annual Communication, '85.....		17 50
Jan. 20 Dr. B. F. Dixon, Superintendent Oxford Orphan Asylum, on account of appropriation by Grand Lodge Annual Communication, '85.....	1,000	00
Jan. 29 Miles Goodwin, Grand Tiler, services, washing, labor, repairs, &c.....		34 20
Jan. 30 Pescud, Son & Co., insurance on Orphan Asylum, \$3,000,		34 69
Jan. 30 Pescud, Son & Co., insurance on Orphan Asylum, \$4,000,		64 75
Feb. 5 F. H. Cameron, Ag't, insurance on Orphan Asylum, \$2,000,		23 13
Feb. 6 <i>News & Observer</i> , advertising Annual Communication.....		5 00
Feb. 7 Jno. Nichols, Postmaster, stamps for Grand Secretary.....		4 00
Feb. 27 Robert Bingham, Past Grand Master, expenses attending meetings of Directors of Orphan Asylum.....		18 25
Feb. 27 Robert Bingham, Past Grand Master, salary paid Private Secretary.....		100 00
Feb. 27 Robert Bingham, Past Grand Master, expenses attending Grand Annual Communication.....		7 50
Mar. 27 Jno. Nichols, Postmaster, 500 stamped envelopes for Grand Secretary.....		11 20
Amount carried forward,.....	\$	1,539 17

1885.	Amount brought forward,.....	\$ 1,539 17
April 9	North Carolina Home Insurance Company, insurance on Asylum buildings, \$4,000.....	64 75
April 10	F. H. Busbee, Grand Master, engraved letter-heads, seal, envelopes, &c.,.....	26 65
May 5	H. Mahler, seal for Grand Master,....	2 50
May 18	E. M. Uzzell, printing and binding 1100 copies of Grand Lodge proceedings.....	171 60
May 27	Raleigh Post-office, postage on Grand Lodge proceedings,.....	22 30
May 30	North Carolina Home Insurance Company, insurance on contents of Grand Secretary's office.....	6 90
June 20	F. H. Busbee, Grand Master, expenses attending special communication of Grand Lodge at Greensboro',.....	4 75
June 21	J. S. Hampton & Co., hand-bills and distributing,.....	1 75
June 21	R. H. Bradley, Acting Grand Tiler, services and expenses at special Grand Communication at Greensboro,.....	7 50
June 26	E. M. Uzzell, commissions, mailing, &c.,.....	16 50
June 27	Edwards, Broughton & Co., charters, returns, letter-heads, and other stationery,	63 75
July 14	J. B. Neathery, Private Secretary to Grand Master, services to July 1, 1885,.....	50 00
July 23	A. Williams & Co., bill of stationery.....	11 95
Sep. 9	A. Williams & Co., one copy book,.....	1 00
Sep. 10	Southern Express Company, freight on Grand Master's seal,.....	30
Sep. 15	Edwards, Broughton & Co., circulars, pamphlets, postage, &c., &c.,.....	19 95
Oct. 14	S. A. Ashe, Postmaster, postage for Grand Secretary's office,.....	5 00
Nov. 14	F. A. Watson, picture rod in Grand Lodge hall, and services,.....	20 00
Dec. 7	Evans Morgan, Artist, portrait of Grand Master Busbee, and expenses,.....	30 90
Dec. 18	Western Union Telegraph Company, telegrams relating to railroad fares to Grand Annual Communication,.....	58
1886.		
Jan. 9	J. B. Neathery, Private Secretary to Grand Master, services from July 1, 1885, to January 1, 1886,.....	50 00
Jan. 9	Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, Grand Lodge share of rent of hall for years 1883, 1884 and 1885, three years at \$25 a year,.....	75 00
Jan. 9	D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, salary as Grand Secretary for Masonic year 1884,.....	700 00
Jan. 9	Commissions allowed Grand Treasurer for past Masonic year	150 00
	Total,.....	\$ 3,042 80

RESUME.

Balance on hand past year, and amount received from Grand Secretary, as above,.....	\$ 3,600 66
Amount expended past Masonic year, as above,.....	2,942 80
Leaving balance on hand new Masonic year,	\$657 86

As directed in the report of the Committee on the Oxford Orphan Asylum, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, the buildings of the Asylum have been kept insured in good, solvent companies, in the sum of thirteen thousand

dollars, at a net cost of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirty-two cents, and the contents of the Grand Secretary's office in the sum of six hundred dollars, at a cost of six dollars and ninety cents, both of which facts are supported by proper vouchers as stated in foregoing account.

The legacy of the late Hon. B. F. Moore, for the use of the Orphan Asylum, still remains on bond and mortgage, secured by two hundred and ninety acres of land, certified to be worth between ten and fifteen dollars per acre. The borrower has paid the interest regularly, and such interest has been turned over to the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum. In the report of the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, made at your last Annual Communication, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, the committee say, in section 5, "We concur in the recommendation of the Grand Treasurer in regard to the donation of the late B. F. Moore to the Orphan Asylum, and advise that the bond be collected and the amount be applied to the payment of the debt due on the land recently bought for the Orphan Asylum, *if the same can be done under the terms of the will.*"

If it had not been for the last sentence in the above clause of the report, I would have collected the bond and turned the money over to the Directors of the Asylum, but as the construction of a will is so delicate a matter, and as the money is securely invested, I thought it best to postpone the matter until this Communication, and if the Grand Lodge desires the investment changed, I ask that a resolution be passed specifically directing it to be done.

As chairman of the Committee on Printing, I report that bids were invited for the work of printing and binding the annual proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, and after due consideration, the work was awarded to E. M. Uzzell, Esq., who has completed the job in good style, and at a cost of one hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON, *Grand Treasurer.*

Bro. C. D. Rice presented his report as Grand Lecturer, which was accepted and filed without reading.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams, from the Directors of the Orphan Asylum, submitted a report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum held their regular meetings during the year, except for the month of November, the meeting for said month having been adjourned to January 11 of the present year, when they met in the city of Raleigh.

All of the Directors have visited the Asylum officially during the past year. While no radical changes have taken place in the general management of the Asylum, yet many suggestions have been made, all of which have been carried out by the Superintendent in so far as his means and facilities would permit. The names of 233 children appear upon the books of the institution, as will be seen by reference to report of the Superintendent.

The contributions, both in money and kind, have been very liberal from the lodges and the people at large. We cannot too highly commend the efficient services of Dr. B. F. Dixon, the Superintendent, in the management of the Asylum. He is diligent and capable, and worthily fills the responsible and honorable position to which he has been elected.

With reference to the details of the management of the Asylum we refer to his report, which is herewith submitted.

A. H. A. WILLIAMS,
Secretary of the Board.

Bro. B. F. Dixon, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To the Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum :

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my report as Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the year ending December 31, 1885. In so doing I shall endeavor to present only those facts concerning the past work of the Asylum and its prospective needs and purposes which are of interest and importance to the public, whose servants we are and for whose good the Oxford Orphan Asylum is maintained.

In the beginning of the present year we had 153 children in the Asylum—80 have been admitted and 58 have been discharged, leaving 175 now in the institution.

We have received from the State during the year	\$ 10,000 00
From the Grand Lodge.....	1,000 00
From all other sources.....	7,526 30
Total,.....	\$ 18,526 30
We have expended for all purposes, including \$1,700 on land and \$1,600 on Walker Memorial Building,.....	\$ 16,719 56
Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$ 1,806 74

I have been under the necessity of spending a considerable sum of money during the year in refurnishing both of our buildings in the way of an entire

outfit of new mattresses and blankets, as well as various other articles of furniture. A considerable amount of repairing has also been done to both buildings.

A neat walling has been put on the south side and in front of the main building, a hennery erected at the hospital, the barns, stables, and other out-houses, have been rebuilt, and various other improvements, which were absolutely necessary, have been made.

The Walker Memorial Building is located about midway between the Boys' and Girls' Building, convenient to the Hospital and Farmers' House, is a beautiful Gothic cottage of six rooms, and will be occupied by the Superintendent and his family by the middle of February. I wish to thank the subordinate lodges who responded so liberally to my appeal for help to finish this building. It is very much needed, as the Superintendent's family now occupy rooms in the main building, which should be used for other purposes.

CHILDREN.

We have received children during the year from nearly every section of the State, and, with very few exceptions, they are bright, intelligent and promising children. They readily yield to discipline, are quick to learn, and will, no doubt, reflect credit upon the institution in the years to come.

HEALTH.

During the months of March and April a fearful epidemic of measles and mumps prevailed in the Asylum. We had during those months 115 cases of measles and 65 cases of mumps. The state of the weather was such during that fearful period in our history that it was impossible to prevent pneumonia from supervening in quite a number of cases. The Asylum was turned into a hospital, and the employees were placed over the children as nurses. The physicians of Oxford rendered timely and valuable aid, but notwithstanding all our best efforts, six of our little ones died. Since that time, however, there has been almost perfect health in the Asylum, and to-day we have not a single case in the hospital from sickness.

HOMES.

It is with pride and pleasure that I review our work of the past year, not only as I have seen it in the everyday routine of work and study and recitation, upon our farm, in our play-grounds, in the printing department and school, but also in looking over the long list of good homes provided for our children during the year. It is one of the most pleasing experiences of our work that I am constantly receiving letters from children sent to homes expressing their warmest thanks to me for the homes provided for them. The question is often asked as to the character of the homes to which the children are sent. It is a proper and natural question. So many wrong motives lie at

the base of human action that it is not unnatural to fear that many people take the children for the value they possess in labor. Upon a most thorough examination of the homes in which I have placed the children I do not find this spirit to obtain to any extent. The homes our children go to are just such homes as have the training of four-fifths of the boys and girls of North Carolina.

BAKERY.

We have added a bakery to our domestic department, and employed, for three months, an efficient and experienced baker, who has been of very great service to us in teaching our boys and girls to make good bread as well as how to prepare all the food used in the Asylum. The children, as a result of this, have been much better fed than last year, and at no more expense, as nothing is now wasted on account of being improperly cooked.

FARM.

Owing to the severe drouth which prevailed during the summer in our section of the State, our farm has barely paid expenses. Mr. Robards, the manager of the farm, has been very faithful in his work, and the boys, as a general thing, have worked well. My plan for the coming year is to cultivate much less in area and more after the intensive system of farming.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Our printing department has been a very decided success. Seven or eight of our boys have been employed in the office of the *Orphans' Friend* and in our job office, and under the management of Mr. L. Thomas the two offices have been helpful to the institution. A portion of the money received from this department I hope the Directors will allow us to use in enlarging our offices and furnishing them with better material, in order to properly meet the necessities of the increased circulation of the *Friend* as well as the increasing business of our job office.

I am in receipt of quite a number of applications for printer boys, and I feel sure that during the coming year I could find lucrative employment for at least twenty-five boys from this department, if we had them trained in our office.

By order of your Board I purchased early in the year a caligraph, and while there have been very few of the boys trained to use it properly and rapidly enough for regular work upon it, still it has been a very great benefit to us in our large correspondence. I also purchased by order of your Board a wind-mill, to be erected at the main building for the purpose of supplying the building with water. This work is not yet completed on account of a failure to get a workman who had sufficient experience to put it in place. I have secured a man, however, and it will be erected in the next month.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Our people responded very liberally to the call of Kris Kringle for Christmas presents for our little ones, and our Christmas festivities were much enjoyed by all the children. They all received quite a number of presents, and among them many that were very useful. The children forgot that they were orphans. I take this opportunity of thanking Colonel Beasley for his untiring zeal and helpful interest in the Asylum.

This has been a year of steady, hard work; the pressure in monetary matters throughout the State has made it so. Yet the God of the orphan has been with us and our wants have been supplied. In time of need we have turned our eyes to Him and His hand has been ever ready to relieve. The most perfect harmony and peace have prevailed among us all. The children have improved in every way, and the teachers and employees of the Asylum, without a single exception, have worked faithfully and hard.

To the brethren of our order, who have so liberally responded to my appeal for aid in completing the Superintendent's house, and for general support of the Asylum, I desire to return my sincere thanks. And also to the good people of North Carolina who have so faithfully helped us. During the year I have been brought into close relationship with many noble men and women, and have learned to feel in each of them a warm personal interest. For them the prayers of the fatherless ascend daily. And may the God of the orphan pour out upon all who have helped us His richest blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. DIXON,
Superintendent Orphan Asylum.

The Grand Master announced the following standing committees :

On Charters and Dispensations :

No. 1. Bros. Thomas Daniels, F. M. Moye, and M. F. Stancill.

No. 2. Bros. Calvin Cox, J. W. Faison and D. A. Culbreth.

On Unfinished Business :

Bros. Exum Lewis, S. N. Little and J. M. Pugh.

On Accounts and Claims :

Bros. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., Thomas Badger and Neill S. Stewart.

On Grand Secretary's Books and Report :

Bros. A. N. Campbell, T. C. Robertson and P. A. Wilson, Jr.

Special Committee on Appeals :

Bros. J. A. Leach, M. J. Hawkins and C. S. Wooten.

Bro. G. Rosenthal, in behalf of Prof. Edward P. Moses, Principal of the Centennial Graded School of this city, invited the Grand Lodge to visit the school to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, and on his motion the invitation was accepted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY, 13, 1886.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Vacancies on committees were supplied as follows:

Jurisprudence:

Bros. J. I. Macks, W. E. Murchison, J. B. Neathery, J. W. Gidney and H. H. Munson, P. G. M.

Orphan Asylum:

Bro. W. F. Beasley, in place of Bro. W. H. Mitchell.

On Suspensions and Expulsions:

No. 2. Bros. J. P. Sugg and J. B. Redford.

The Grand Secretary presented the transcript in the case of New Lebanon Lodge, No. 314, *vs.* F. N. Mullen, with the appeal of the accuser from the verdict of acquittal.

Bro. W. E. Murchison moved that the papers be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to consider and report upon the question whether an appeal can lie in case of acquittal. The motion prevailed.

On motion of Bro. J. I. Macks, the "endowment law," as proposed by the committee on that subject at the last Annual Communication, and postponed for consideration, was made the special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bro. S. H. Rountree, Grand Lecturer, presented his report, which was filed without reading.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams introduced the following resolution, which was read and, on motion of Bro. David Rosenthal, referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum.

WHEREAS, at the August meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orphan Asylum, F. H. Busbee, Grand Master, B. F. Dixon, Superintendent of the Asylum, and A. H. A. Williams, Secretary, were appointed a committee to sell one acre of land belonging to the Oxford Orphan Asylum and adjoining the lands of W. T. Brogden; and whereas, C. A. Gregory having offered the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars for the same; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Grand Lodge, That the Grand Master be authorized and empowered to sell and execute a deed in fee-simple to the said C. A. Gregory, or his order, on the payment of the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

[Report of Committee on Orphan Asylum, paragraph 9.]

Bro. R. W. King, from the Committee on the Grand Master's address, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your committee appointed upon the Grand Master's address recommend the appointment of special committees, as follows:

One of three on Fraternal Dead.

One of three on Regalia and Jewels.

One of three on Co-operative Insurance.

One of three on Centennial.

That the recommendations of the Grand Master in reference to Fraternal Correspondence be carried out.

We find the decisions of the Grand Master in accordance with Masonic law, except section 10, which we recommend be referred to Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Your committee cannot too highly commend this most interesting and able address of the Grand Master to the attention of the members of this Grand Lodge and to the fraternity at large. Full of learning and wisdom, and imbued with the true spirit of our noble institution, it is a document that may be

read and studied with much interest and profit, and your committee feel that the Grand Lodge was peculiarly fortunate in the selection of a Grand Master who has been able to govern its affairs with such ability and harmony during the past Masonic year, and whose address has furnished them so much information and so many wise thoughts for reflection.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. KING,
H. H. MUNSON.
JOHN NICHOLS,
Committee.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees provided in foregoing report:

On Co-operative Insurance:

Bros. J. I. Macks, C. D. Rice, and G. H. Riggs.

On Fraternal Dead:

Bros. R. W. King, T. A. Green, and A. H. A. Williams.

On Regalia and Jewels of Grand Lodge:

Bros. W. E. Anderson, N. T. Riggs, and W. C. Liverman.

On Centennial of Grand Lodge:

Bros. J. W. Cotten, John G. Snyder, and David Rosenthal.

Bro. Thomas Daniels, from Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, report as follows:

We have carefully examined the proceedings of the following lodges, U. D., viz.: Bald Creek Lodge and Centre Lodge, and find them correct, and respectfully recommend that charters be granted said lodges.

We recommend that the following lodges be continued under dispensation: Farmers' Lodge, Randolph county, and Yadkin Falls Lodge, Stanly county.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS DANIELS,
M. F. STANCELL,
F. M. MOYE,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. David Rosenthal, it was ordered that the work of this Jurisdiction be exemplified this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was accepted and, on motion of Bro. C. D. Rice, ordered to be published with these proceedings.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

To the M. W. Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—The officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina were invited by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Washington Monument, February 21, 1885.

In compliance with your request, I went to Washington, hoping to meet you and the other officers of the Grand Lodge, but on the morning of the 21st I received a telegram from you saying it was impossible for you to attend, and directing me to represent the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia met at 9 A. M. in its beautiful hall in the Masonic Temple, and was opened without form by the M. W. G. M., Myron M. Parker.

Representatives of visiting Grand Lodges were then received and welcomed, and, as a matter of interest, I will give the representation of the different Grand Lodges to show the interest felt in the importance of the occasion, and as an incentive to this Grand Lodge to be more largely represented in the future: Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, three representatives; Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, four; Grand Lodge of Delaware, nine; Grand Lodge of North Carolina, one; Grand Lodge of Virginia, ten; Grand Lodge of California, one; Grand Lodge of Maryland, fifteen; Grand Lodge of New York, ten; Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, six; Grand Lodge of Tennessee, one.

There were many other Grand Lodges represented, but names and localities were not obtained in time for their reception before the procession moved.

When I was conducted to the altar and welcomed all alone, I knew the kind words spoken were for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and while she was so feebly represented, she was the peer of any in the Grand galaxy, and I felt proud to stand there as her representative.

And here, Most Worshipful, I wish to say the officers of the other Grand Lodges were in very handsome regalia, and I think when I approached the altar I was an object of interest, on account of the antiquated jewel and apron I wore. There was nothing like it in the procession, and I felt embarrassed by the notice I received. I most respectfully request that you call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the propriety of having better jewels and new aprons for its Grand Officers.

A procession was then formed, and with the commanderies and visiting and local lodges, it was very large and imposing, and gave one some conception of the great strength of our magnificent order. We fail to realize this in our poorly attended meetings in our lodges, and these gatherings of Masons from every State in the Union do much to encourage us, or should do so.

The procession moved to the monument, and after the President of the United States had received the monument from the engineers and the committee of the Monument Association, the masonic ceremonies were performed—the square, level and plumb applied, the corn, wine, and oil poured, and the craftsmen had performed their duty.

The gavel used by the Grand Master was the one presented to Washington and used by him as President and also as Grand Master, *pro tem.*, in laying the corner-stone of the Capitol of the nation on the 18th September, 1793. It was used in laying the corner-stone of the Washington Monument, July 4, 1848, and by the Grand Master of Virginia in laying the corner-stone of the Yorktown Monument, October 18th, 1881.

After the ceremonies were concluded at the Monument, the procession was reformed and was to have been reviewed by the President at the Capitol, but so much delay occurred, and the day being excessively cold, the masonic portion was taken out and marched to Marini's Hall, where the craft were called to refreshment. A bountiful collation was furnished, and heartily enjoyed.

An invitation was extended to the visiting Grand Officers to attend a banquet at the Riggs House at 8 P. M. Two hours were spent in the parlors in social intercourse, and at 10 o'clock each visiting brother was escorted to the table by a brother of the District of Columbia. My escort was Bro. Singleton, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District, and I wish to acknowledge his fraternal kindness and courtesy. The entertainment was perfect, the number at the table above two hundred and fifty. I had the pleasure of meeting here our Past Grand Masters, Best and R. B. Vance, and the greater pleasure of getting the consent of Bro. Vance to respond to the toast to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which he did in a speech that elicited great applause. Allow me to quote one sentence from it: "Sometimes, in the mutations of human affairs, governments change, cities are swept away, and their very sites remain unknown; but, thank God, I gaze to-night upon the representatives of a union that never was and never will be broken." Until low 12 I remained and represented the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and then retired. The banquet hall was not deserted, the speeches were not half made; but I was a weary brother, and wanted to rest.

Words are inadequate to express the kindness and hospitality of the Masons of the District of Columbia, or the delights of such a reunion. Most Worshipful, I am sorry that every Freemason of North Carolina was not there. It would have given all a broader view of our ancient and honorable fraternity, the strength and beauty of which we cannot estimate. It claims no undue influence in political affairs, it sets up no sectarian claims; it demands a

belief in a Supreme God, it concedes the right to worship Him according to the dictates of one's own conscience, it teaches obedience to law and country, it spreads the cement of brotherly love and friendship, it bestows its charity silently, surely, effectively. It is worthy of our devotion. Will you bear with me a little, while I give you the opinion of the immortal Washington, who was made a Master Mason while a minor, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, August 4, 1753? I have gathered his sayings from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Writing to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, May, 1791, he said: "that he recognized with pleasure his relations to the brethren whose principles lead to purity of morals and beneficence of action." In 1793, to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: "that it is pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by the society whose liberal principles are founded on the immutable laws of truth and justice." To King David's Lodge of Rhode Island: "Masonry promotes private virtue and public prosperity." To the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in April, 1798: "My attachment to the Society will dispose me always to contribute my best endeavors to preserve the honor and interest of the Craft." In November, 1799, to the Grand Lodge of Maryland: "The principles and doctrines of Freemasonry are founded in benevolence and to be exercised for the good of mankind."

Such is the testimony of the man whose monument, in the language of G. M. Parker, "towers above all other monuments, as he towered above all other men."

Most Worshipful, the mission of Freemasonry is not yet fulfilled. Its origin, far back in man's history, its mission, charity, brotherly love, relief, and truth, its end to continue this mission until time ends.

"Lay deep the stone, apply the Square,
The Level and the Plumb:
Happy the work and bright the day,
When Mystic Craftsmen come."

Fraternally,

C. H. ROBINSON,

Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Calvin Cox, from Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Committee No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, have examined the proceedings of Conoho Lodge, Hamilton, Martin county, Newfound Lodge, Leicester, Buncombe county, Joppa Lodge, Old Fort, McDowell county, and Dobson Lodge, Dobson, Surry county, and recommend that charters be granted

these Lodges. We have examined the records of Union Lodge at Enochville, Rowan county, and recommend that said Lodge continue under dispensation until the next annual Communication.

CALVIN COX,
J. W. FAISON,
D. A. CULBRETH,
Committee.

[The several reports of this committee are consolidated and recorded for convenience.]

Charters were issued, bearing date January 13th, 1886, as follows :

Bald Creek, No. 397 ; Bald Creek, Yancey county ;
Centre, No. 398 ; Flint Hill, Buncombe county ;
Conoho, No. 399 ; Hamilton, Martin county ;
Newfound, No. 400 ; Leicester, Buncombe county ;
Joppa, No. 401 ; Old Fort, McDowell county ;
Dobson, No. 402 ; Dobson, Surry county.

Bro. W. E. Murchison, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, representing a majority of said committee :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

A majority of your Committee upon Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom has been referred the case on appeal from New Lebanon Lodge, No. 314, beg leave to report that they are of opinion that the appeal should be dismissed, on the ground that in no case from a general verdict of not guilty, can an accuser or any Master Mason take an appeal to the Grand Lodge. In our opinion, such a verdict ends the case, and the brother accused cannot afterwards in any manner be placed in jeopardy of his masonic life upon the same charge.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. E. MURCHISON,
J. W. GIDNEY,
H. H. MUNSON,
For the Committee.

Bro. J. I. Macks, of the same committee, presented the following minority report :

To the Most Warshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

BRETHREN :—The minority of the Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave, respectfully, to report, that we have considered the question submitted to

us, viz.: "Can an accuser, on the trial of a brother for unmasonic conduct, or any other charge, appeal from the decision of a Lodge on a general verdict of not guilty?" Upon an examination of the laws of sister jurisdictions, embodying this question, so far as the same can be found in the library, I find that the following jurisdictions unqualifiedly recognize the right of an accuser to appeal from any verdict of a subordinate lodge to the Grand Lodge: Iowa, Missouri, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, California and Kentucky.

Holding the view that in matters of trials and punishments, Subordinate Lodges merely act as agents for the Grand Lodge, and fortified by the authorities above set forth, I am constrained to differ with the majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and offer the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, that an accuser shall have the right of appeal from a general verdict of not guilty to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. I. MACKS.

The question was taken on the minority report, and it was rejected. The yeas and nays were demanded. Yeas 90. Nays 129.

The majority report was adopted.

Bro. John W. Cotten introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the property of the late Conoho Lodge, No. 131, Hamilton, N. C., be donated to Conoho Lodge, No. 399, just chartered, except such as should be retained in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. John W. Cotten from the special committee on the subject of a Centennial Celebration, submitted the following majority and minority reports:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Centennial beg leave to submit the following majority report:

We respectfully recommend that the Centennial Celebration be held in Tarboro, December 9, 1887.

JOHN W. COTTEN,
JNO. G. SNYDER.

As a minority report, I recommend that the aforesaid celebration shall be held in the city of Raleigh on next regular Annual Communication, in January, 1887.

The following is recommended:

Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a committee of five to make arrangements for the Centennial Celebration in connection with the committees of the lodges in Raleigh, the Grand Master to be the chairman, *ex-officio*, of the combined committees.

D. ROSENTHAL.

On motion of Bro. David Rosenthal, the reports were made the special order for this evening at 8 o'clock.

Bro. W. E. Anderson from the special committee on the subject of Regalia and Jewels, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to regalia and jewels, beg leave to report:

That in the absence of any information obtainable during this session of the Grand Lodge, by which your committee can possibly form any estimate of the cost of furnishing fit and proper regalia and jewels for the Grand Officers, your committee see necessity for deliberate action in this matter, and therefore recommend—

That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master, authorized to correspond with firms who are prominent in the business of furnishing such articles, and that they be empowered to purchase fit and proper regalia and jewels for this Grand Lodge, at a cost not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars, and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the cost of the same.

W. E. ANDERSON,

W. C. LIVERMAN,

Committee.

Bros. C. H. Robinson, W. E. Anderson and D. W. Bain, were appointed the committee authorized in the foregoing report.

Bro. J. A. Leach, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined and considered all the papers, and heard statements pro and con, in the following case, to-wit:

BLACK CREEK LODGE, No. 330 against W. F. BARDIN. Sentence—Indefinite suspension.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the sentence be modified from indefinite suspension to that of suspension for twelve months from date of sentence, at which time he shall be restored to all the rights and benefits of masonry.

JAS. A. LEACH,
M. J. HAWKINS,
C. S. WOOTEN,

Committee.

Bro. Exum Lewis, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that we find as unfinished business the proposed endowment law, which, by resolution this a. m., will come before the Grand Lodge for action this p. m. at 3 o'clock; and the case of Seth Meadows, from Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, referred to on page 37, Proceedings of last Annual Communication.

EXUM LEWIS,
S. N. LITTLE,
J. M. PUGH,

Committee.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from Bro. Lewis S. Williams, P. G. M., concerning a claim held by him against the Grand Lodge, on account of the former St. John's College. On motion of Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report to the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 13th, 1886.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

R. W. Bro. Hezekiah A. Gudger, Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. John A. Nichols, Grand Pursuivant, appeared and occupied their stations.

The special order for this hour, being the "endowment law," was announced.

The committee appointed on this subject this morning was, at its request, discharged.

The proposed law was considered.

Bro. J. I. Macks moved that it be expressed as the sense of the Grand Lodge that some endowment plan should be adopted. The motion was not adopted.

On motion of Bro. David Rosenthal, the report of the committee, with the proposed plan, was laid on the table.

The Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the report of Bro. W. P. Williams, Grand Lecturer, which was ordered to be filed.

Bro. W. F. Beasley introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on endowment for the Oxford Orphan Asylum be continued for another year, and that the Grand Master issue an appeal to the subordinate lodges on the subject.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Leach all after the word *year* was stricken out, and the resolution, as thus amended, was adopted.

The work in the E. A. degree was exemplified by Bros. C. D. Rice, S. H. Rountree, D. M. Stott and Dudley Peed, Grand Lecturers, assisted by Bros. W. H. Bragg and David Rosenthal.

The Grand Master appointed Bros. A. H. A. Williams and H. M. Strouse on Committee No. 1 on Suspensions and Expulsions, to supply vacancies.

Bro. R. W. King, from the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead beg leave to submit the following report :

Way back in the gray dawn of creation, when the morning stars first sang together in the orchestra of the skies, the stain of sin fell upon the pure white rose-leaf of humanity, soiling its stainless petals forever ; and from that time to this, the world has been made up with farewells to the living, and mourning for the dead. Yes, mankind has an interest in graves, and in those windowless palaces of rest somebody's loved one is sleeping that sleep which will never be broken until the sea and the earth shall give up their dead. Yes, every day some one falls from the ramparts of time into the rapidly moving current which goes rushing along to the shoreless ocean of eternity, and the friends and associates and comrades who stood with him amid the siege and the tempest and the storm, and learned to appreciate those virtues and those qualities which go to round up a manly character, and make manhood grand and noble and beautiful, are left behind to inscribe upon the hallowed tablet of "In Memoriam" the names of those who deserve a niche in the temple of remembrance. With these reflections, then, we come with our sprig of *acacia* to lay upon the mounds of those who have lived up to the *plumb*, stood always on the *level* and measured life's duties with the *square*. They have been called from labor to refreshment in the Grand Lodge above, and we, their surviving brethren, see fit thus to speak of the virtues which emblazoned their lives, and which made them such bright and shining members of the Masonic fraternity.

Brother B. C. Phillips was born in Moore county, N. C., July 29th, 1841, and died at Durham, N. C., March 16th, 1885.

In Bro. Phillips a devout Christian and zealous worker in God's vineyard has fallen asleep ; a good, exemplary man and Mason has gone to his home—joined the Grand Lodge above—and while we drop the sympathetic tear over his grave and bury the evergreen there, yet, with faith in "Juda's Lion," we know that his body will be raised as incorruptible as his soul, there to swell the Heavenly anthems with the angelic choir. There is much in his example for us to imitate and to cherish in fond remembrance, for his life has been one of which our fraternity can well feel proud.

And still another light has fallen : Brother Johnson Olive, too, has gone to reap his reward amid the brightness and bliss of Heaven, summoned by the great "I Am" in his welcome plaudit, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Brother Olive was born in Chatham county, June 7th, 1816, and died at Apex, Wake county, January 24th, 1885. This "honest man of God" also showed his faith by his works, but now "life's fitful fever ended," where "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," he rests from his labors, but "they do follow him." He was beloved by all for his many noble, Christian virtues, his devotion to duty; his memory will ever live and his virtues ever shine as a bright star in the galaxy of our mystic fraternity.

Brother John W. Lewis, an upright, pure and devout servant of God, weary with life's trials and turmoils, has been borne by a convoy of angels to realms of eternal bliss, and joined the great angelic host around the throne of the Almighty King. The Lodge and the Church of which he was a typical member have sustained an irreparable loss, but "their loss is his gain." He has gone to receive a master's wages and has left the impress of his skill as a master workman for this generation to follow.

Thomas Palmer, Grand Lecturer, an aged member of the order, has "passed over the river" and drinks the nectar of Elysium fields.

The all-devouring scythe of Time has not stopped at the "yellow and sear leaf," but the mighty cycle has felled, as with "a mighty blow," the young and tender plants; for Brother Geo. M. Smedes, filled with genius, learned, and beloved by his brethren, friends and neighbors, has been *levelled* by Death's stern hand, and the grave has received his body to await Resurrection's morn.

Then let us imitate them in their unfeigned piety to God, and in their inflexible fidelity to their trust.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. KING,
A. H. A. WILLIAMS,
T. A. GREENE,

Committee.

NOTE.—The Committee used all the material at their command to make the report.

Bro. P. A. Wilson, Jr., from the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Books and Report, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

We have examined the books and report of the Grand Secretary, and find them correct.

We recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the enlargement of the accommodations of the Grand Lodge library, as asked by the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. CAMPBELL,
T. C. ROBERTSON,
P. A. WILSON, JR.,

Committee.

Bro. W. E. Murchison, from Committee No. 1 on Suspensions and Expulsions submitted the following report, which was read and postponed for consideration until this evening :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 1 on Suspensions and Expulsions, to whom were referred the following cases to-wit :

Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158 *vs.* J. T. Clayton;

Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, *vs.* D. C. Tilley;

Sapona Lodge, No. 280, *vs.* R. M. Burns;

Mayon Lodge, No. 360, *vs.* R. A. McCulough;

Hall Lodge, No. 53, *vs.* M. E. Woodhouse;

Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, *vs.* Young A. Sprouse;

beg leave to submit the following report, viz.:

Respecting the case of Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, *vs.* J. T. Clayton, they are of opinion that the evidence does not disclose such facts as would warrant a sentence so severe, and recommend that the sentence be revoked and the judgment of expulsion be reversed. The charge is for drunkenness, and the evidence does not show that the accused is an habitual drunkard, nor does it show that milder measures were first adopted for his reformation. The evidence being so slight, your committee have not felt themselves warranted in even recommending the infliction of a punishment less in degree than expulsion.

Respecting the case of Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, *vs.* D. C. Tilley, your committee are of opinion that the judgment of the subordinate lodge should be set aside and the sentence revoked. This is a case in which the brother was accused of drinking intoxicating liquors, selling spirituous liquors and abandoning his family. At a special communication, appointed for his trial, he, although notified, failed to appear. At the next regular communication a specification was added that he had failed to obey a lawful summons. Another special communication was ordered, and the accused was tried upon the last named specification and was declared expelled. There appears no evidence in the transcript furnished us tending to prove the other specifications. In the judgment of your committee, proof of this specification, under the circumstances, does not support the charge of unmasonic conduct. And further, it is not shown by the transcript that any copy of this last specification was ever furnished the accused.

Before leaving this case, your committee desire to intimate that, in their view, the accused may still be tried upon the charge, supported by evidence establishing the truth of the specification that he has abandoned his family, or upon a charge of habitual drunkenness, if by proper and convincing evidence it can be made to appear that he is an habitual drunkard.

Respecting the case of Sapona Lodge, No. 280, *vs.* R. M. Burns, your committee are of opinion that the sentence of the subordinate lodge should be reversed and the cause remanded for a new trial. Without full examination of the testimony, we are led to this opinion by the fact that the accused was tried at a regular and not a special communication; that it does not appear that a copy of the charge and specifications was furnished him; that it is not shown that all the brethren members of the lodge were duly notified, and further, that the transcript is so irregular and imperfect that your committee are unable to determine how many cases were tried and how many times the accused was expelled. If there be two cases, your committee recommend that the action of the lodge in the second case be reversed, for the obvious reason, in addition to those given in first case, that it had no jurisdiction to try an expelled Mason.

Respecting the case of Mayon Lodge, No. 360, *vs.* R. A. McCulough, your committee are of opinion that the action of the subordinate lodge should be sustained and the sentence approved. They would say, however, that there appear many irregularities in the transcript, but all are slight. This was a case of habitual drunkenness, and the sentence expulsion.

Respecting the case of Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, *vs.* Young A. Sprouse, your committee are of opinion that the action of the subordinate lodge should be sustained and the sentence approved.

Respecting the case of Hall Lodge, No. 53, *vs.* M. E. Woodhouse, your committee are of opinion that the sentence is too severe in view of the testimony transmitted to them, and should be changed from expulsion to indefinite suspension. They would feel inclined to recommend a reversal of sentence, but for the reason that the transcript shows a tendency on the part of accused to mistake profanes for craftsmen when under influence of liquor. This punishment we trust will be effectual in teaching our brother the error of his ways, and end in his reclamation to our fold.

Faternally submitted,

W. E. MURCHISON,
A. H. A. WILLIAMS,
H. M. STROUSE,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7 o'clock and 45 minutes.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 13th, 1886.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7 o'clock and 45 minutes, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

The special order being the reports of the majority and minority of the Committee on the Centennial of the Grand Lodge, was announced. The same were read.

The question recurred on the minority report. The question being divided, the Grand Lodge decided to celebrate its centennial. The subject was further discussed and the minority report was adopted.

Bro. R. W. King introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That Section 1, of Article IV, of the Masonic Code, be amended so as to read as follows :

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday after the second Monday in December in each and every year, at seven and a half o'clock P. M.

Bro. John Nichols introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

WHEREAS, There exists a great diversity of opinion as to the manner of regaining membership in a subordinate lodge by a Mason who has been dismembered for the non-payment of dues, and

WHEREAS, The Code, Sec. 12, Sub. Div. 3, provides that, " A member excluded for the non-payment of dues can be re-instated only in the manner prescribed by the By-laws of the Lodge;" and

WHEREAS, Many subordinate lodges have no provision in their by-laws touching this subject, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the ruling of this Grand Lodge that a member of a subordinate lodge, who may become dismembered for the non-payment of dues, may re-instate himself by the payment of the dues that may have accrued at the time of dismemberment, and shall not be chargeable with any dues during the time of such dismemberment, and that no vote of the lodge, or re-signing of by-laws shall be required for the re-instatement of such member to full membership in the lodge from which he may have been excluded for such cause.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand officers, Bros. S. D. Franklin, J. G. Snyder and H. M. Strouse acting as tellers. The following were elected:

FABIUS H. BUSBEE *Grand Master.*
 CHARLES H. ROBINSON *Deputy Grand Master.*
 SAMUEL H. SMITH *Senior Grand Warden.*
 HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER *Junior Grand Warden.*
 WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.. *Grand Treasurer.*
 DONALD W. BAIN *Grand Secretary.*

The term of two years of Bro. A. H. A. Williams, as Director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, having expired, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a director for a term of five years. Bro. A. H. A. Williams was elected.

The Grand Master announced the following committees:

On Returns of Subordinate Lodges:

- No. 1. Bros. S. D. Franklin, S. M. Parish and H. M. Strouse.
- No. 2. Bros. C. R. Scott, J. R. Brown and J. R. Watson.
- No. 3. Bros. Lewis Kilpatrick, William Daughtry and T. A. Bingham.

On Centennial of Grand Lodge:

Bros. John W. Cotten, of Tarboro; Thomas S. Kenan, of Wilson; James W. Blackwell, of Durham; Eugene S. Martin, of Wilmington; Hezekiah A. Gudger, of Asheville.

Bro. M. J. Hawkins moved that a committee be appointed to provide for the installation of the Grand officers on to-morrow. The motion prevailed, and Bros. M. J. Hawkins and R. T. Stephenson were appointed the committee.

The report of the Committee No. 1 on Suspensions and Expulsions, presented this afternoon, was taken up as unfinished business. It was adopted, except as to the last paragraph referring to the case of Hall Lodge, No. 53, *vs.* M. E. Woodhouse, which was postponed until to-morrow morning.

Bro. Thomas Badger, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom were referred the report, books and vouchers of William E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, have carefully examined the same and find they have been kept in a neat and business-like manner, and are correct in every particular.

H. H. MUNSON,
NEILL S. STEWART,
THOMAS BADGER,
Committee.

Bro. J. I. Macks, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted a report, which was read, adopted and filed without publication, according to regulation.

Bro. S. M. Parish moved that the Grand Lecturers be instructed to resume the exemplification of the work at 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. On motion of Bro. J. A. Leach, the subject was postponed until the legislative business of the Grand Lodge should be concluded.

A question was raised and discussed relating to a part of the opening ceremonies of a subordinate lodge.

Bro. W. F. Beasley, from the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, submitted the report of the committee, which was read, amended and adopted, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Orphan Asylum beg to submit the following report: We recommend as follows:—

1. That two thousand dollars be appropriated and paid by the Grand Treasurer for the support of the Orphan Asylum.
2. That the B. F. Moore donation be kept inviolate as a part of the endowment fund of the Asylum.
3. That the authority to employ and discharge the employees of the Asylum be hereafter vested in the Superintendent.
4. That the Superintendent be allowed to use the profits of the Asylum's job printing office for 1885 to improve and extend its capacity and usefulness.
5. That the Directors and Superintendent be required to make to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge a detailed report showing the current expense per child for the year covered by said report.

6. That the Isaac Ettinger donation be appropriately applied.
7. That the Secretary of Board of Directors ascertain by correspondence what has become of the "X bequest."
8. That the proceeds of the Powell estate be applied to extinguishing the land debt of the Asylum.
9. That the proceeds of the sale of land to C. A. Young be applied in the same manner.
10. That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended and a suitable testimonial be purchased by the Grand Treasurer and sent to Mrs. B. F. Dixon for her faithful and efficient services.

G. ROSENTHAL,
W. F. BEASLEY,
R. T. STEPHENSON,
Committee.

Bro. J. I. Macks, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submit for your consideration and action the following report, viz. :

That portion of the Grand Master's address marked as Decision No. 10 having been referred to them, they are of opinion that the action of the Grand Master should be sustained and approved, owing to the peculiar circumstances attending the case considered by him.

In rendering this opinion your committee have looked to the motives which evidently influenced our Grand Master in this seeming departure from the law as we have heretofore understood it. In the exercise of his discretion he has, in our opinion, shown the high regard in which he holds the privileges, as well as the rights, of a Master Mason.

But your committee desire particularly and emphatically to call the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge to the fact that this decision should not be viewed in the light of a precedent.

The penalty of non-affiliation is clearly and unequivocally prescribed by law, and rare indeed should be the case which warrants its remission.

Your committee would further state that they reflect the sentiments of the Grand Master himself in embodying in their report this notice and admonition, which sentiment he expressed orally to this Grand body.

Fraternally submitted,

J. I. MACKS,
WM. E. MURCHISON,
H. H. MUNSON,
J. W. GIDNEY,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. S. H. Smith, S. G. W., the committee appointed at the last Annual Communication (page 40, Proceedings 1885), in reference to supplying the Orphan Asylum with medicines, was reduced to two.

Bro. S. H. Smith, S. G. W., gave notice of resolutions to be introduced on to-morrow, to provide for the appointment of custodians of the work.

Bro. J. I. Macks, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, gave notice of amendments to the Code, to be reported by the committee on to-morrow.

Bro. J. A. Leach introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Centennial for its consideration :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge request Bro. B. F. Dixon, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, to have present at some special hour at the next Annual Communication, during the Centennial exercises, a chapter of orphans, for the purpose of giving an entertainment.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and 45 minutes.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 14th, 1886.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock and 45 minutes, Bro. C. H. Robinson, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

In pursuance of notice given last evening, Bro. S. H. Smith, S. G. W., introduced the following resolutions :

Resolved 1. That a committee of three shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master, to be styled the "custodians of the unwritten work of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina."

Resolved 2. That, before appointing Grand Lecturers, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall require a certificate from the custodians that the applicant is proficient in the unwritten work.

After discussion the resolutions were, on motion of Bro. R. W. King, laid on the table.

The Grand Master appeared and assumed the chair.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the case of Seth Meadows, from Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, postponed at the last Annual Communication. The report of Committee No. 1 on Suspensions and Expulsions, in this case, was read. Pages 29 and 37, Proceedings of 1885.

Bro. H. A. Gudger, J. G. W., introduced the following as a substitute for the recommendation of the committee:

Resolved, That the action of Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, against Seth Meadows be sustained.

It was not adopted.

Bro. John W. Cotten moved to amend the report by striking out the words, "and to membership in said lodge," which was adopted.

The report of the committee, as thus amended, was adopted and is as follows:

"That the action of Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, against Seth Meadows be not sustained, that the judgment be reversed and the accused restored to all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason, for the reason that the specification does not sustain the charge."

Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the sale of spirituous liquors is a fruitful source of evil, and all masonic offences arising in connection therewith should be fearlessly investigated and punished by the subordinate lodges in which they occur; but the mere fact that a Mason is engaged in the sale of liquor does not in itself subject the person selling to masonic charges.

Bro. J. A. Leach, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the transcript in the case of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, against John H. Garrett, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same. Charge—gross unmasonic conduct; verdict—guilty; sentence—expulsion. We think the verdict and sentence warranted by the evidence, and respectfully recommend affirmation of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. LEACH,
M. J. HAWKINS,
C. S. WOOTEN,

Committee.

Bro. M. J. Hawkins, from the committee to provide for the installation of Grand Officers, reported that M. W., Horace H. Munson, P. G. M., would perform that service at 11½ o'clock to-day.

That hour having arrived, the Grand Master announced his appointments. The Grand officers were installed by M. W., Horace H. Munson, Past Grand Master, assisted by Bro. James I. Macks, acting as Grand Marshal.

ELECTED OFFICERS:

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,..... *Grand Master.*
CHARLES H. ROBINSON,..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
SAMUEL H. SMITH,..... *Senior Grand Warden.*
HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER,..... *Junior Grand Warden.*
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,..... *Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN,..... *Grand Secretary.*

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

CHARLES M. PAYNE,..... *Grand Chaplain.*
(Per J. B. Redford, proxy).
JOHN W. GIDNEY, *Senior Grand Deacon.*
JOHN W. COTTEN,..... *Junior Grand Deacon.*
WILLIAM N. BENTON,..... *Grand Marshal.*
ROBERT W. KING,..... *Grand Sword Bearer.*

JOHN A. NICHOLS,..... *Grand Pursuivant.*
 P. A. WILSON, JR., *Grand Steward.*
 DAVID ROSENTHAL *Grand Steward.*
 ROBERT H. BRADLEY,..... *Grand Tiler.*

Bro. J. I. Macks, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the amendment to the Constitution, offered by Bro. R. W. King, to change the time of holding the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, and which was referred to them. They recommend that the amendment do not pass. At two previous communications of this Grand Lodge held since the time was fixed for January, the Grand Lodge has considered the same question, and the debate elicited the fact that January was the best month in which to meet. It is equally true that the month of December would suit some of the members better ; yet the few must succumb to the convenience of the many.

The committee further report that they have considered the subjects embraced in the preamble and resolutions of Bro. John Nichols, P. G. M., and recommend the adoption of the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge :

Strike out paragraph 4 of section 12 of Article XIII, adopted in 1882, entirely.

Strike out in paragraph 3 of section 12 of Article XIII, all after the word "re-instated" and insert "by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the lodge, upon the payment by said member of the amount due at the time of the exclusion : *Provided*, whenever it is apparent to the satisfaction of the lodge that such member is entirely unable to pay such indebtedness, the lodge may, in its discretion, remit the amount.

Faternally submitted,

J. I. MACKS,
 W. E. MURCHISON,
 J. W. GIDNEY,
 H. H. MUNSON.

Bro. R. W. King moved to strike out the word *not* before the word *pass* in the recommendation of the committee concerning the proposed change of time of Annual Communication, also, all after the word *pass*, on that subject. The motion did not prevail, and the report was adopted.

The following is section 12 of Article XIII (page 33) of the Code, as amended :

SEC. 12. *Paragraph I.* A member shall not be excluded from his lodge without notice having been served on him to appear and show cause for the delinquency.

Paragraph II. Exclusion from a lodge for non-payment of dues does not impair the standing of a member with the fraternity at large, other than placing him in a non-affiliated relation.

Paragraph III. A member excluded for non-payment of dues can be re-instated by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the lodge, upon the payment by said member of the amount due at the time of the exclusion: *Provided*, whenever it is apparent to the satisfaction of the lodge that such member is entirely unable to pay such indebtedness, the lodge may, in its discretion, remit the amount."

The Grand Master having called attention to reported infractions of the edict of the Grand Lodge of 1873, concerning the practice of the work in conferring degrees, on motion of Bro. C. D. Rice, the Grand Secretary was instructed to re-issue to the lodges the circular-letter of May 14th, 1874, containing the edict.

Reports of committees were submitted as follows, and adopted :
No. 1, on Returns of Lodges :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Committee No. 1 on Returns of Lodges, report as follows :

We have examined the returns of the following lodges, and find them correct :

St. Johns, No. 1 ; St. Johns, No. 3 ; Charity, No. 5 ; Unanimity, No. 7 ; Phoenix, No. 8 ; American George, No. 17 ; Phalanx, No. 31 ; Davie, No. 39 ; Hiram, No. 40 ; King Solomon, No. 56 ; Concord, No. 58 ; Golden Fleece, No. 74 ; Widow's Son, No. 75 ; Greensboro, No. 76 ; Fellowship, No. 84 ; Morning Star, No. 85 ; Joseph Warren, No. 92 ; Jerusalem, No. 95 ; St. Johns, No. 96 ; Wake Forest, No. 97 ; Fulton, No. 99 ; Perquimans, No. 106 ; Clinton, No. 107 ; Belmont, No. 108 ; Franklin, No. 109 ; Wayne, No. 112 ; Holly Spring, No. 115 ; Mt. Lebanon, No. 117 ; Mt. Hermon, No. 118 ; Franklinton, No. 123 ; Mill Creek, No. 125 ; Blackmer, No. 127 ; Hanks, No. 128 ; Radiance, No. 132 ; Mocksville, No. 134 ; King Solomon, No. 138 ; Mt. Energy, No. 140 ; Carolina, No. 141 ; Palmyra, No. 147 ; Adoniram, No. 149 ; White Stone, No. 155 ; Rolesville, No. 156 ; Mt. Pleasant, No. 157 ; Knap of Reeds, No. 158 ; Yaddin, No. 162.

Returns of Hall, No. 53, and Kilwinning, No. 64, have year, but day and month of charter not given. Returns of Mt. Vernon, No. 143, have no seal,

day or month of charter. The following have no date of charter: Western Star, No. 91; Hiram, No. 98; Junaluskee, No. 145. Returns of Chalmers, No. 151, have date of charter and no seal.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PARISH,
H. M. STROUSE,

Committee.

No. 2 on Returns of Lodges:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee No. 2 on Returns beg leave to report the following:

We have examined the returns of the following Lodges, and find them correct:

Archer, No. 165; Winston, No. 167; Pollockville, No. 175; Granite, No. 191; Cary, No. 198; Cleveland, No. 202; Roanoke, No. 203; Berea, No. 204; Lebanon, No. 207; Richland, No. 214; William G. Hill, No. 218; Wilson, No. 226; Jonesville, No. 227; Corinthian, No. 230; W. T. Bain, No. 231; Gunter, No. 232; Lenoir, No. 233; Anchor, No. 234; Cokesbury, No. 235; Atlantic, No. 238; Pythagoras, No. 249; Rockford, No. 251; Lily Valley, No. 252; Lee, No. 253; Beulah, No. 257; Harnett, No. 258; Excelsior, No. 261; Hibernian, No. 262; Farmington, No. 265; Durbin, No. 266; Dunn's Rock, No. 267; Tabasco, No. 271; Mebaneville, No. 272; Watauga, No. 273; Beaver Dam, No. 276; Green Level, No. 277; Colesville, No. 278; Sapona, No. 280; Eureka, No. 283; Salem, No. 289; Vance, No. 293; Stonewall, No. 296.

The following Lodges make returns without date of charter:

Blackmer, No. 170; Buffalo, No. 172; Castalia, No. 286; French Broad, No. 292; Sandy Creek, No. 185.

The following Lodges have year, but not date of charter:

Deep River, No. 164; George Washington, No. 174; Central Cross, No. 187; Mingo, No. 206; Greenville, No. 284; Hunting Creek, No. 299.

The following Lodges make returns without seals:

Burnsville, No. 192; Eagle Rock, No. 201; Rountree, No. 243; Pamlico, No. 300.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. SCOTT,
J. R. BROWN,
J. R. WATSON,

Committee.

No. 3 on Returns of Lodges:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee No. 3 on Returns of Lodges report as follows:

We have examined the returns of the following Lodges, and find them correct:

Evergreen, No. 303; Pleasant Hill, No. 304; Laurinburg, No. 305; Galatia, No. 306; Patterson, No. 307; Randolph, No. 309; Hatcher, No. 310; King Solomon, No. 313; New Lebanon, No. 314; Wilmington, No. 319; Selma, No. 320; White Hill, No. 321; Granite, No. 322; Falling Creek, No. 325; Winton, No. 327; Fayetteville, No. 329; Black Creek, No. 330; Bayboro, No. 331; Lock's Creek, No. 333; Ashpole, No. 335; Ionic, No. 337; Palmyra, No. 338; Cedar Fork, No. 342; Hickory, No. 343; Numa F. Reid, No. 344; Trap Hill, No. 346; Mount Mourne, No. 347; Durham, No. 352; Moravian, No. 353; Dellaplane, No. 355; East La Porte, No. 358; Mt. Vernon, No. 359; Mayon, No. 360; Iredell, No. 362; Snow, No. 363; Craighead, No. 366; Mount Pisgah, No. 368; Elk, No. 373; Seaboard, No. 378; Forest City, No. 381; Statesville, No. 383; Reidsville, No. 384; Pigeon River, No. 386; Kedron, No. 387; Mooresboro, No. 388; Temperance, No. 389; Lebanon, No. 391; Tally Ho, No. 393; Orient, No. 395; Oxford, No. 396.

The following are incorrect for failure of signature of Secretary of Lodge, to-wit:

Rock Spring, No. 341; Youngsville, No. 377.

The following are incorrect for want of date of charter, to-wit:

Bakersville, No. 357; Air-Line, No. 369; Coharie, No. 379; Shawnee, No. 382.

The following are incorrect for want of seal, to-wit:

Jerusalem, No. 315; Harmony, No. 340; Stanly, No. 348; Granville, No. 380; Scottsville, No. 385; Copeland, No. 390; State Line, No. 375.

The following are incorrect for want of signature of Secretary and seal, to-wit: Fair View, No. 339.

The following are incorrect for want of date of charter and seal: Double Shoal, No. 356.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS KILPATRICK,
WM. DAUGHTRY,
T. A. BINGHAM,

Committee.

So much of the report of Committee No. 1 on Suspensions and Expulsions, as relates to the case of Hall Lodge, No. 53, *vs.* M. E. Woodhouse, was taken up. The same was read and adopted.

The Grand Master announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

On Jurisprudence:

Bros. Eugene S. Martin, Eugene Grissom, P. D. G. M., James I. Macks, W. E. Murchison, and William R. Kenan.

On Suspensions and Expulsions :

No. 1. Bros. J. A. Leach, N. T. Riggs, and J. M. Smith.

No. 2. Bros. William L. DeRosset, Jno. W. Faison, and H. M. Strouse.

On Foreign Correspondence :

Bros. D. W. Bain and H. M. Cowan.

On Printing :

Bros. W. E. Anderson, G. T., John Nichols, P. G. M., and D. W. Bain, G. S.

On Credentials :

Bros. J. B. Neathery, M. J. Hawkins, and John B. Snyder.

On Orphan Asylum :

Bros. G. Rosenthal, J. W. Blackwell, R. T. Stephenson, W. F. Beasley, and S. D. Franklin.

On Propositions and Grievances :

Bros. William Daughtry, S. M. Parish, and John Blacknall.

Bro. J. B. Redford, from Committee No. 2 on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 2 on Suspensions and Expulsions, to whom was referred the case of J. S. Holton, of Rountree Lodge, No. 243, who was expelled by said lodge for habitual drunkenness, have carefully examined the transcripts sent up, and respectfully recommend that the sentence of the lodge be affirmed.

BERNICE WALKER,

J. B. REDFORD,

J. P. SUGG,

Committee.

Bro. S. H. Smith, S. G. W., introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to have executed a lithograph picture of the Orphan Asylum, and that the Superintendent have them on sale at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the proceeds of sale to be appropriated to the Orphan Asylum.

Bros. S. H. Smith, S. G. W., W. F. Beasley and A. H. A. Williams were appointed the committee under the foregoing resolution.

Bro. S. H. Smith, S. G. W., introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, the question being put by the Senior Grand Warden :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders its thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his able and satisfactory supervision of the interests of the fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, and for the very acceptable manner in which he has presided at this Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its labors, the Grand Master spoke in substance as follows :

You must know, brethren, that I feel in my heart of hearts this continued manifestation of your confidence and good-will ; but I shall not weary you with vain repetitions of my thanks.

We are about to separate and to return to our respective lodges, I hope all the better and more zealous Masons for our gathering here. There is a single word I want to say. Let us each resolve that the year preceding the Centennial Communication of this Grand Body shall be the most prosperous year in its history. Let the dormant lodges be revived, the weak lodges strengthened, and the strong ones grow more vigorous still. Especially must each lodge be represented here next year. A united effort will be crowned with a splendid success. Let us be worthy of Masonry and of the memory of the great men whose names adorn her records. Her history is a part of the proudest history of the State, her future is as assured as the permanence of liberty and law within our borders.

Earnestly hoping that we may be able to greet each one of you at the next Communication, I wish you a safe return to your families and homes.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,
Grand Master.

ATTEST :

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's.....	1	Wilmington	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart.....	2	Halifax.....	Halifax.
St. John's.....	3	New Berne.....	Craven.
Charity	5	Windsor	Bertie.
Unanimity.....	7	Edenton.....	Chowan.
Phoenix.....	8	Fayetteville	Cumberland.
American George.....	17	Murfreesboro	Hertford.
Phalanx.....	31	Charlotte	Mecklenburg.
Davie.....	39	Roxobel	Bertie.
Hiram	40	Raleigh.....	Wake.
Hall	53	Indian Town.....	Currituck.
King Solomon.....	56	Jackson.....	Northampton.
Concord	58	Tarboro	Edgecombe.
Kilwinning	64	Wadesboro	Anson.
Scotland Neck.....	68	Scotland Neck.....	Halifax.
Golden Fleece.....	74	Milton.....	Caswell.
Widow's Son.....	75	Camden C. H.....	Camden.
Greensboro.....	76	Greensboro.....	Guilford.
Zion.....	81	Trenton.....	Jones.
Fellowship.....	84	Smithfield.....	Johnston.
Morning Star.....	85	Nashville	Nash.
Skewarkey.....	90	Williamston.....	Martin.
Western Star.....	91	Rutherfordton	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren.....	92	Stantonsburg.....	Wilson.
Jerusalem	95	Hookerton.....	Greene.
St. John's.....	96	Kinston.....	Lenoir.
Wake Forest.....	97	Neuse.....	Wake.
Hiram	98	Clinton	Sampson.
Fulton	99	Salisbury	Rowan.
Orr	104	Washington	Beaufort.
Perquimans.....	105	Hertford	Perquimans.
Clinton.....	107	Yanceyville	Caswell.
Belmont.....	108	Faison	Duplin.
Franklin.....	109	Beaufort.....	Carteret.
Wayne.....	112	Goldsboro.....	Wayne.
Holly Spring.....	115	Holly Spring.....	Wake.
Mount Lebanon.....	117	Wilson.....	Wilson.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mount Hermon.....	118	Asheville.....	Buncombe.
Franklinton.....	123	Franklinton.....	Franklin.
Mill Creek.....	125	Newton Grove.....	Sampson.
Blackmer.....	127	Mount Gilead.....	Montgomery.
Hanks.....	128	Franklinsville.....	Randolph.
Radiance.....	132	Snow Hill.....	Greene.
Mocksville.....	134	Mocksville	Davie.
Lincoln.....	137	Lincolnton.....	Lincoln.
King Solomon.....	138	Burgaw.....	Pender.
Mount Energy.....	140	Mount Energy.....	Granville.
Carolina.....	141	Ansonville.....	Anson.
Mount Vernon.....	143	Siler Station.....	Chatham.
Junaluskee.....	145	Franklin.....	Macon.
Palmyra.....	147	Averasboro.....	Harnett.
Adoniram.....	149	Young's X Roads.....	Granville.
Chalmers.....	151	Carbonton.....	Moore.
White Stone.....	155	Wakefield.....	Wake.
Rolesville.....	156	Rolesville.....	Wake.
Mount Pleasant.....	157	Rogers' Store.....	Wake.
Knap of Reeds.....	158	Knap of Reeds.....	Granville.
Rock Rest.....	161	Hadley's Mills.....	Chatham.
Yadkin.....	162	Yadkinville.....	Yadkin.
Deep River.....	164	Foust's Mills.....	Randolph.
Archer.....	165	Archer Lodge.....	Johnston.
Winston.....	167	Winston.....	Forsyth.
Blackmer.....	170	Weaverville.....	Buncombe.
Buffalo.....	172	Jonesboro.....	Moore.
George Washington.....	174	Elm Grove.....	Chatham.
Polloksville.....	175	Polloksville.....	Jones.
Mecklenburg.....	176	Davidson College.....	Mecklenburg.
Siloam.....	178	Harrell's Store.....	Sampson.
Sandy Creek.....	185	Laurel.....	Laurel.
Pine Forest.....	186	Swann's Station (Moore)...	Harnett.
Central Cross.....	187	Peach Tree Grove... ..	Nash.
Fair Bluff.....	190	Fair Bluff.....	Columbus.
Granite.....	191	Clayton.....	Johnston.
Burnsville.....	192	Burnsville.....	Yancey.
Cary.....	198	Cary.....	Wake.
Eagle Rock.....	201	Eagle Rock.....	Wake.
Cleveland.....	202	Shelby.....	Cleveland.
Roanoke.....	203	Weldon.....	Halifax.
Berea.....	204	Oxford.....	Granville.
Mingo.....	206	Bass.....	Sampson.
Lebanon.....	207	Whiteville.....	Columbus.
Randleman.....	209	High Point.....	Guilford.
Richland .. .	214	Thomasville.....	Davidson.
William G. Hill.....	218	Raleigh.....	Wake.
Stokesburg.....	220	Walnut Cove.....	Stokes.
Webster.....	222	Elevation.....	Johnston.
County Line.....	224	River Hill.....	Iredell.
Wilson.....	226	Olin.....	Iredell.
Jonesville.....	227	Elkin (Surry).....	Yadkin.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
McCormick.....	228	Broadway.....	Moore.
Corinthian.....	230	Rocky Mount.....	Nash.
William T. Bain.....	231	Banks.....	Wake.
Gunter.....	232	Haywood.....	Chatham.
Lenoir.....	233	LaGrange.....	Lenoir.
Anchor.....	234	Auburn.....	Wake.
Cokesbury.....	235	May.....	Harnett.
Mystic Tie.....	237	Marion.....	McDowell.
Atlantic.....	238	Currituck C. H.....	Currituck.
*Rountree.....	243	Bell's Ferry (Pitt).....	Lenoir.
Monroe.....	244	Monroe.....	Union.
New Berne.....	245	New Berne.....	Craven.
Pythagoras.....	249	Smithville.....	Brunswick.
Rockford.....	251	Rockford.....	Surry.
Lily Valley.....	252	Sunbury.....	Gates.
Lee.....	253	Taylorsville.....	Alexander.
Beulah.....	257	Leroy.....	Johnston.
Harnett.....	258	Winslow.....	Harnett.
Waynesville.....	259	Waynesville.....	Haywood.
Excelsior.....	261	Charlotte.....	Mecklenburg.
Hibriten.....	262	Lenoir.....	Caldwell.
Gaston.....	263	Dallas.....	Gaston.
Farmington.....	265	Farmington.....	Davie.
Durbin.....	266	Blockersville.....	Cumberland.
Dunn's Rock.....	267	Brevard.....	Transylvania.
East Bend.....	269	East Bend.....	Yadkin.
Tabasco.....	271	Gibsonville.....	Guilford.
Mebaneville.....	272	Bingham School.....	Alamance.
Watauga.....	273	Boone.....	Watauga.
Beaver Dam.....	276	Beaver Dam.....	Union.
Green Level.....	277	Green Level.....	Wake.
Colesville.....	278	Sandy Ridge.....	Stokes.
Rehoboth.....	279	Teachy's.....	Duplin.
Sapona.....	280	Tysor's Mills.....	Chatham.
Eureka.....	283	China Grove.....	Rowan.
Greenville.....	284	Greenville.....	Pitt.
Castalia.....	286	Castalia.....	Nash.
Salem.....	289	Salem.....	Forsyth.
French Broad.....	292	Marshall.....	Madison.
Vance.....	293	Democrat.....	Buncombe.
Atlantic.....	294	Swan Quarter.....	Hyde.
Stonewall.....	296	Robersonville.....	Martin.
Edgecombe.....	298	Toisnot.....	Wilson.
Hunting Creek.....	299	Eagle Mills.....	Iredell.
Pamlico.....	300	Aurora.....	Beaufort.
Clay.....	301	Hayesville.....	Clay.
*Evergreen.....	303	Swann's Station (Moore)...	Harnett.
*Pleasant Hill.....	304	Kinston (Lenoir).....	Jones.
Laurinburg.....	305	Laurinburg.....	Richmond.
Galatia.....	306	Fayetteville.....	Cumberland.
Patterson.....	307	Mount Pleasant.....	Cabarrus.
Randolph.....	309	Ophir.....	Randolph.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Hatcher	310	Wilson.....	Wilson.
Notla	312	Murphy.....	Cherokee.
King Solomon.....	313	Lumber Bridge.....	Robeson.
New Lebanon.....	314	South Mills.....	Camden.
Jerusalem	315	Jerusalem.....	Davie.
Kinston	316	Kinston.....	Lenoir.
Eureka.....	317	Elizabeth City.....	Pasquotank.
Wilmington.....	319	Wilmington.....	New Hanover.
Selma.....	320	Selma.....	Johnston.
White Hill.....	321	Greenwood.....	Moore.
Granite.....	322	Mount Airy.....	Surry.
Wentworth.....	324	Wentworth.....	Rockingham.
Falling Creek.....	325	Goldsboro.....	Wayne.
Winton.....	327	Winton.....	Hertford.
Mattamuskeet.....	328	Lake Landing.....	Hyde.
Fayetteville.....	329	Fayetteville.....	Cumberland.
Black Creek.....	330	Black Creek.....	Wilson.
Bayboro.....	331	Bayboro.....	Pamlico.
Lock's Creek.....	333	Fayetteville.....	Cumberland.
Ashpole.....	335	Plainview.....	Robeson.
Ionic.....	337	Kittrell.....	Vance.
Palmyra.....	338	Palmyra.....	Halifax.
Fair View.....	339	King's Mountain.....	Cleveland.
Harmony.....	340	Pikeville.....	Wayne.
Rock Spring.....	341	Denver.....	Lincoln.
Cedar Fork.....	342	Morrisville.....	Wake.
Hickory.....	343	Hickory.....	Catawba.
Numa F. Reid.....	344	High Point.....	Guilford.
Trap Hill.....	346	Trap Hill.....	Wilkes.
Mount Mourne.....	347	Mount Mourne.....	Iredell.
Stanly.....	348	Albemarle.....	Stanly.
Durham.....	352	Durham.....	Durham.
Moravian.....	353	Moravian Falls.....	Wilkes.
Dellaplane.....	355	Dellaplane.....	Wilkes.
Double Shoal.....	356	Cleveland Mills.....	Cleveland.
Bakersville.....	357	Bakersville.....	Mitchell.
East La Porte.....	358	East La Porte.....	Jackson.
Mount Vernon.....	359	Stonewall.....	Pamlico.
Mayon.....	360	Ammon.....	Bladen.
Acacia.....	361	Belle Voir.....	Chatham.
Iredell.....	362	Mooreville.....	Iredell.
Snow.....	363	Sugar Grove.....	Watauga.
Cumberland.....	364	Gray's Creek.....	Cumberland.
Craighead.....	366	Huntersville.....	Mecklenburg.
Mount Pisgah.....	368	Williams' Mill.....	Chatham.
Air-Line.....	369	Gastonia.....	Gaston.
Mars Hill.....	370	Mars Hill.....	Madison.
Olive Branch.....	371	Garner.....	Wake.
Bethel.....	372	Madra.....	Anson.
Elk.....	373	Elk Cross Roads.....	Watauga.
Campbell.....	374	Troutman's.....	Iredell.
†State Line.....	375	Whitaker's.....	Cleveland.
Youngsville.....	377	Youngsville.....	Franklin.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Seaboard.....	378	Seaboard.....	Northampton.
Coharie.....	379	Huntley.....	Sampson.
Granville.....	380	Grissom.....	Granville.
Forest City.....	381	Forest City.....	Rutherford.
Shawnee.....	382	Monbo.....	Catawba.
Statesville.....	383	Statesville.....	Iredell.
Reidsville.....	384	Reidsville.....	Rockingham.
Scottsville.....	385	Scottsville.....	Ashe.
Pigeon River..	386	Pigeon River.....	Haywood.
Kedron.....	387	Hendersonville	Henderson.
Mooresboro	388	Mooresboro.....	Cleveland.
Temperance	389	Coxville	Pitt.
Copeland	390	Copeland	Surry.
Lebanon	391	Fayetteville	Cumberland.
White Rock.....	392	White Rock.....	Madison.
Tally Ho.....	393	Tally Ho.....	Granville.
Cape Fear.....	394	Little River Academy.....	Cumberland.
Orient	395	Wilmington	New Hanover.
Oxford	396	Oxford	Granville.
Bald Creek.....	397	Bald Creek.....	Yancey.
Centre	398	Flint Hill.....	Buncombe.
Conoho.....	399	Hamilton.....	Martin.
Newfound	400	Leicester.....	Buncombe.
Joppa	401	Old Fort.....	McDowell.
Dobson	402	Dobson.....	Surry.

*The names in parentheses indicate the county in which the post-office of the Lodge is located.

†Post-office, Whitaker's Station, S. C.

STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF LODGES
IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The asterisk (*) before certain Lodges indicates that the dates of regular Communications are taken from last returns received previous to the year 1885.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
St. John's.....	1	Second Tuesday in each month.
*Royal White Hart...	2	Second Wednesday, June 25, December 27.
St. John's.....	3	Second Wednesday evening.
Charity.....	5	First Monday, June 24, December 27.
Unanimity.....	7	First Tuesday evening, June 24, December 27.
Phoenix	8	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, December 27.
American George.....	17	First Thursday evening.
Phalanx	31	Second and fourth Monday.
Davie.....	39	Saturday before third Sunday.
Hiram	40	Third Monday evening.
Hall.....	53	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
King Solomon.....	56	First Saturday.
Concord.....	58	First and third Friday evenings.
Kilwinning.....	64	First Monday night, June 24, December 27.
Golden Fleece.....	74	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Widow's Son.....	75	Third Saturday morning.
Greensboro.....	76	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
*Zion	81	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Fellowship.....	84	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Courts.
Morning Star.....	85	Fourth Saturday.
Skewarkey.....	90	Second Tuesday evening.
Western Star.....	91	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Joseph Warren.....	92	First Thursday, at 11 A. M., Thursday before full moon, at 7:30 P. M.
Jerusalem	95	Second Saturday.
St. John's.....	96	Second Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
Wake Forest.....	97	Saturday before second Sunday.
Hiram.....	98	Third Friday morning.
Fulton	99	First and third Friday evenings.
Perquimans.....	106	First Friday evening.
Clinton.....	107	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Belmont.....	108	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Franklin	109	First Monday evening.
Wayne.....	112	First and third Monday evenings.
Holly Spring.....	115	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mount Lebanon.....	117	First and third Monday, June 24.
Mount Hermon.....	118	First Friday evening.
Franklinton.....	123	Last Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mill Creek.....	125	First Friday.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Blackmer	127	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Hanks.....	128	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Radiance.....	132	Third Saturday.
Mocksville.....	134	Third Friday evening, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
*Lincoln	137	First Monday evening.
King Solomon.....	138	Second Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mount Energy.....	140	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
Carolina.....	141	Friday evening after full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mount Vernon.....	143	Saturday before third Sunday.
Junaluskee.....	145	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Palmyra.....	147	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Adoniram	149	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Chalmers.....	151	Saturday after full moon, at 3 o'clock P. M.
White Stone.....	155	Fourth Saturday, at 11 A. M., June 24.
Rolesville.....	156	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Mount Pleasant..	157	Saturday before first Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Knap of Reeds	158	Saturday before third Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M., December 27, at 10 o'clock A. M.
*Rock Rest.....	161	Second Saturday, at 3 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Yadkin.....	162	First Saturday night on or after full moon.
Deep River.....	164	Saturday evening previous to each full moon.
Archer.....	165	First Saturday.
Winston.....	167	Second Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Blackmer.....	170	Saturday on or before each full moon, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Buffalo.....	172	Second Saturday evening.
George Washington...	174	Saturday before fourth Sunday, December 27.
Pollocksville.....	175	First Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
*Mecklenburg	176	Thursday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
*Siloam.....	178	Fourth Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Sandy Creek.....	185	First Saturday.
*Pine Forest.....	186	First Saturday evening.
Central Cross.....	187	Second Saturday, December 27.
*Fair Bluff.....	190	Second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., December 27
Granite.....	191	Third Saturday.
Burnsville.....	192	Saturday before full moon, at 6 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Cary.....	198	Saturday evening before second Sunday.
Eagle Rock.....	201	Third Saturday.
Cleveland.....	202	Friday evening before full moon, June 24, December 26.
Roanoke.	203	First Thursday, at 8 o'clock P. M.
Berea.....	204	Saturday before second Sunday, June 24, December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mingo	206	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Lebanon.....	207	Saturday, at 1 P. M., on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
*Randleman	209	Saturday evening after full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Richland.....	214	Saturday evening before full moon.
William G. Hill.....	218	Second and fourth Monday evenings.
*Stokesburg.....	220	First Saturday.
Webster.....	222	Fourth Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
*County Line.....	224	Friday on or before full moon.
Wilson.....	226	Saturday afternoon on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Jonesville	227	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
*McCormick	228	Third Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Corinthian	230	First Thursday evening.
William T. Bain.....	231	Saturday before third Sunday.
Gunter	232	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Lenoir	233	First Thursday.
Anchor	234	Saturday before second Sunday.
Cokesbury	235	Saturday before first Sunday.
Mystic Tie.....	237	Friday evening before full moon, Tuesday of first week of Court.
Atlantic	238	Fourth Saturday.
Rountree	243	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Monroe.....	244	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, Dec. 27.
*New Berne.....	245	Third Wednesday.
Pythagoras	249	First Thursday.
*Rockford	251	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Lily Valley.....	252	Fourth Saturday.
Lee.....	253	First Saturday, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
Beulah.....	257	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Harnett.....	258	Friday evening before second Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Waynesville	259	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Excelsior	261	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Hibriten.....	262	Thursday before full moon, at 3 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27, Tuesday evenings of Court.
*Gaston	263	Friday evening after full moon.
Farmington	265	Second Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
Durbin	266	Second Friday.
Dunn's Rock.. ..	267	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24.
*East Bend.....	269	Saturday on or before full moon.
Tabasco	271	Second Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
Mebaneville	272	First Saturday evening.
Watauga	273	Friday evening before full moon, Monday evening of Court, June 24, December 27.
Beaver Dam.....	276	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Green Level.....	277	Saturday before second Sunday.
Colesville	278	Second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Rehoboth.....	279	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Sapona.....	280	Fourth Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Eureka	283	First Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
Greenville.....	284	First Thursday, and first and third Monday evenings.
Castalia.....	286	Fourth Saturday.
Salem.....	289	First Thursday evening, June 24, December 27.
*French Broad	292	Friday on or before full moon.
Vance.....	293	Saturday, on or before full moon at 11 o'clock A. M.
Atlantic.....	294	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Court.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Stonewall.....	296	Saturday before third Sunday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
*Edgecombe.....	298	Fourth Thursday.
Hunting Creek.....	299	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Pamlico.....	300	First Saturday.
*Clay.....	301	Saturday on or before full moon.
Evergreen.....	303	Third Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Pleasant Hill.....	304	First Saturday.
Laurinburg.....	305	Thursday on or before full moon, Dec. 27.
Galatia.....	306	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Patterson.....	307	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
*Randolph.....	309	Saturday on or before full moon.
Hatcher.....	310	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Notla.....	312	Third Saturday.
King Solomon.....	313	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
New Lebanon.....	314	First Friday, June 24, December 27.
Jerusalem.....	315	Saturday evening before first Sunday, June 24, December 27.
*Kinston.....	316	First and third Monday evenings.
*Eureka.....	317	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Wilmington.....	319	Third Tuesday evening.
Selma.....	320	First Saturday.
White Hill.....	321	Third Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
Granite.....	322	First and third Saturday evenings.
*Wentworth.....	324	Saturday before third Sunday, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Falling Creek.....	325	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Winton.....	327	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Mattamuskeet.....	328	Fourth Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Fayetteville.....	329	Second and fourth Friday evenings.
Black Creek.....	330	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Bayboro.....	331	Fourth Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Lock's Creek.....	333	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Ashpole.....	335	Second Saturday.
*Ionic.....	337	Monday evening on or before full moon.
Palmyra.....	338	First Wednesday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Fairview.....	339	Saturday evening before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Harmony.....	340	First Thursday, at 10 o'clock P. M.
Rock Spring.....	341	Saturday on or before full moon.
Cedar Fork.....	342	Saturday before third Sunday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Hickory.....	343	Monday evening before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Numa F. Reid.....	344	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
*Trap Hill.....	346	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mount Mourne.....	347	Saturday before first Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Stanly.....	348	First and third Saturday evenings.
Durham.....	352	Second Tuesday evening.
Moravian.....	353	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Dellaplane.....	355	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Double Shoal.....	356	Saturday evening before full moon.
Bakersville.....	357	Tuesday before full moon, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
*East La Porte.....	358	Saturday on or before full moon.
Mt. Vernon.....	359	Second Thursday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mayon.....	360	Third Saturday.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
*Acacia	361	Wednesday evening on or before full moon.
Iredell	362	Second Friday and fourth Saturday.
Snow	363	Friday evening after full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
*Cumberland	364	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Craighead	366	First and third Saturdays.
*Jachin	367	First Saturday.
Mount Pisgah	368	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Air Line	369	Friday evening before full moon.
*Mars Hill	370	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
*Olive Branch	371	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Elk	373	Saturday after each full moon, at 11 o'clock A. M., June 24, December 27.
Campbell	374	First Saturday.
State Line	375	Saturday on or before full moon.
Youngsville	377	Saturday before first Sunday and Wednesday be- fore third Sunday.
Seaboard	378	Thursday evening before full moon, June 24, De- cember 27.
Coharie	379	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Granville	380	Fourth Saturday afternoon.
Forest City	381	Tuesday evening on or before full moon.
Shawnee	382	Monday on or before full moon.
Statesville	383	First and third Tuesday, June 24, December 27.
Reidsville	384	Monday evening before full moon, June 24, De- cember 27.
Scottsville	385	Friday on or before full moon.
Pigeon River	386	First Thursday evening after full moon.
Kedron	387	Thursday on or before full moon.
Mooresboro	388	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Temperance	389	Third Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Copeland	390	Saturday evening after full moon.
Lebanon	391	First and third Saturday evenings after full moon.
White Rock	392	Saturday before full moon, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Tally Ho	393	Saturday before first Sunday.
Cape Fear	394	Fourth Saturday.
Orient	395	First and third Wednesday evenings.
Oxford	396	First Monday evening.
Bald Creek	397	First Saturday after full moon, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Centre	398	Saturday after each full moon, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Conoho	399	Thursday before first Sunday.
Newfound	400	Saturday on or before full moon.
Joppa	401	Second and fourth Saturdays.
Dobson	402	First Monday evening.

ABSTRACT of Returns from Lodges for Masonic Year ending October 31, 1885.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
St. John's	1	2	1			1			2		3	1	67	21	88	\$ 33 50
St. John's	3	1	1	3					1				56	12	68	28 00
Charity	5	6	6	6	1						1		68		68	34 00
Unanimity	7	1	1							1	3		24	18	42	12 00
Phoenix	8	1	2	2	1		4	1			1		41	29	70	20 50
American George	17								6				29	12	41	14 50
Phalanx	31	2	3	3				1		4	1		79	24	103	39 50
Davie	39			4				1				3	38	3	41	19 00
Hiram	40	2	1	1	3				4	2	2		59	17	76	29 50
Hall	53	2	1	1		1				1	1	2	40	1	41	20 00
King Solomon	56												66		66	33 00
Concord	58								3	4	1	1	38		38	19 00
Kilwinning	64										1		29		29	14 50
Golden Fleece	74	5	4	4	2					5			16	11	27	8 00
Widow's Son	75								1		1		39	6	45	20 50
Greensboro	76	5	6	7	1	1			2	2		1	46	24	70	23 00
Fellowship	84	2	2	3	3								37	16	53	18 50
Morning Star	85	1	1	1	2	2				1	1		26	18	44	.....
Skewarkey	90									1			18	5	23	9 00
Western Star	91	1	1	1							2		43	4	47	21 50
Joseph Warren	92				4					4	2		41	5	46	20 50
Jerusalem	95					1					2	3	29	6	35	15 50

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NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
St. John's.....	96	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	16	65	\$ 25 00
Wake Forest.....	97	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	23	11 50
Hiram.....	98	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	51	14	65	25 50
Fulton.....	99	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	35	19	54	17 50
Perquimans.....	106	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	12	11	23	6 00
Clinton.....	107	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	1	1	32	24	56	.....
Belmont.....	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	28	5	33	14 00
Franklin.....	109	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	39	18	57	19 50
Wayne.....	112	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	40	...	40	20 00
Holly Spring.....	115	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	19	9 00
Mt. Lebanon.....	117	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	53	13	66	26 00
Mt. Hermon.....	118	3	3	5	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	63	36	99	31 50
Franklinton.....	123	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	21	10	31	.....
Mill Creek.....	125	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	21	67	23 00
Blackmer.....	127	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	30	44	74	14 50
Hanks.....	128	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	17	1	2	...	31	38	59	10 50
Radiance.....	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	6	24	9 00
Mocksville.....	134	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	53	10	63	26 50
King Solomon.....	138	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	6	38	16 00
Mount Energy.....	140	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	28	6	34	14 00
Carolina.....	141	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	17	38	10 50
Mount Vernon.....	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	8	25	33	9 00

Junaluskee.....	145	1	2	1							6	2	1	2	36	6	42	18 00
Palmyna.....	147										1				30	17	47	15 50
Adoniram.....	149											1			23	9	32	
Chalmers.....	151											1	1		11	14	25	5 50
White Stone.....	155														35	9	44	17 00
Rolesville.....	156											1			19		19	10 00
Mount Pleasant.....	157			1							4				48	2	50	24 00
Knap of Reeds.....	158	2	2	2	7					2		5	1		19	28	47	
Yadkin.....	162		2	2	1								1	4	59	1	60	29 50
Deep River.....	164				3						2		2	1	38	14	52	19 00
Archer.....	165	1	1	1	1								1		24			
Winston.....	167	2	2	3						15					95	8	103	51 00
Blackmer.....	170	3	3	4						10				2	37	13	50	16 50
Buffalo.....	172				7						26	1	1		33	40	73	16 00
George Washington.....	174			1	1	1							1		39	12	51	19 50
Pollaksville.....	175	1		1	1										35		35	17 50
Sandy Creek.....	185	4	2	1	6					2					27	29	56	13 50
Central Cross.....	187	2	2	2	1								1		42	21	63	21 00
Fair Bluff.....	190												1		34	4	38	
Granite.....	191			1						6					21		21	10 50
Burnsville.....	192	5	6	5	1						6	18	1	6	60	6	66	30 00
Cary.....	198												2		27		27	
Eagle Rock.....	201				1										16		16	
Cleveland.....	202	11	11	12	1								3		86	8	94	43 00
Roanoke.....	203														22		22	11 00
Berea.....	204														30	14	44	
Mingo.....	206	1	1	1											29	5	34	
Lebanon.....	207	2	1	1							1				39	27	66	39 00
Richland.....	214	1	1	1											56	17	73	28 00
William G. Hill.....	218	3	3	3								1	3		93		93	142 50
Webster.....	222	3	2	1											19	11	30	9 50
Wilson.....	226	1	2	1	1								2		24	5	29	12 00
Jonesville.....	227			1									1		28	27	55	14 00
Corinthian.....	230										2		1		28	5	34	14 00

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NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
William T. Bain.....	231	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	17	.....	17	\$ 28 50
Gunter.....	232	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	2	3	.....	.....	22	10	32	12 50
Lencir.....	233	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	11	41	15 00
Anchor.....	234	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	3	25	0 50
Cokesbury.....	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	16	14	30	18 00
Mystic Tie.....	237	6	8	9	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4	38	6	44	29 00
Atlantic.....	238	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	54	5	59	27 50
Rountree.....	243	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	44	3	47	1 50
Monroe.....	244	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	7	35	.....
Pythagoras.....	249	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	16	9	25	8 00
Rockford.....	251	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	14	5	19	17 00
Lily Valley.....	252	2	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	1	.....	36	15	51	28 00
Lee.....	253	4	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	57	11	68	18 50
Beulah.....	257	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	22	.....	22	1 00
Harnett.....	258	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	13	3	16	.....
Waynesville.....	259	4	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	3	.....	.....	42	17	59	1.....
Excelsior.....	261	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	21	.....	21	10 50
Hibriten.....	262	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	33	14	47	26 50
Farmington.....	265	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	43	4	47	1 50
Durbin.....	266	2							1	2			12	1	13	6 00
Dann's Rock.....	267	1	2	3	1				2	8			57	4	61	28 00
Tabasco.....	271		1	1					8		1		31	14	45	19 00

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ABSTRACT—Continued.

NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Excluded for non-payment of dues.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Rejected.	Members.	Resident Masons not Members.	Whole Number.	Dues Paid.
Falling Creek.....	325	3	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	2	36	17 00
Winton.....	327	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	19	3	22	9 50
Mattamuskeet.....	328	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	2	33	31 50
Fayetteville.....	329	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	2	27	12 50
Black Creek.....	330	3	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	19	3	22	9 50
Bayboro',.....	331	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	37	1	38	18 50
Lock's Creek.....	333	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	20	4	24	13 25
Ashpole.....	335	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	24	3	27	12 00
Ionic.....	337	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	18	1	19	8 50
Palmyra.....	338	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	11	5 50
Fairview.....	339	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	19	1	20	9 50
Harmony.....	340	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	2	28	18	46	14 00
Rock Spring.....	341	2	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	35	2	37	17 50
Cedar Fork.....	342	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	16	.....	16	8 00
Hickory.....	343	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	28	14 00
Numa F. Reid.....	344	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	39	8	47	20 00
Trap Hill.....	346	3	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	48	8	56	24 00
Mount Mourne.....	347	1	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	25	.....	25	12 50
Stanly.....	348	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	49	3	52	24 50
Durham.....	352	4	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	46	.....	46	23 00
Moravian.....	353	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	23	4	27	11 50
Dellaplane.....	355	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	30	2	32	15 00

356	6	4	3	1	30	1	31	15 00
357	6	4	3	1	64	.....	64	32 00
358	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	30	15 00
359	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	3	7 50
360	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	6	19 50
362	1	1	2	.....	23	.....	4	11 50
363	8	8	8	.....	64	.....	2	32 00
366	11	11	11	.....	28	.....	2	14 00
368	1	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	4	11 50
369	1	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	2	4 00
370	4	4	5	.....	46	.....	46	23 00
373	5	5	4	.....	35	.....	6	17 50
374	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	5	.....
375	2	1	3	.....	15	.....	15	7 50
377	2	1	1	.....	21	.....	9	10 50
378	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	3	9 50
379	1	1	1	.....	19	.....	2	9 50
380	1	1	1	.....	24	.....	5	10 00
381	7	7	8	.....	30	.....	1	15 00
382	2	1	2	.....	18	.....	5	9 00
383	4	3	5	.....	30	.....	15	15 00
384	4	4	4	.....	29	.....	27	14 50
385	16	8	10	.....	20	.....	25	10 00
386	3	5	5	.....	21	.....	1	10 50
387	7	7	7	.....	22	.....	8	11 00
388	24	24	23	.....	30	.....	1	15 00
389	2	2	1	.....	9	.....	4	4 50
390	4	6	5	.....	14	.....	14	7 00
391	1	1	2	.....	16	.....	16	8 00
392	7	5	7	.....	21	.....	.....	10 50
393	12	13	13	.....	26	.....	3	13 00
394	2	2	2	.....	12	.....	24	12 00
395	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	6 00
396	3	2	2	.....	18	.....	22	.....

RECAPITULATION.

AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

Number of Lodges represented at Annual Communication, 1886.....	98	
“ “ making returns for the year 1885.....		196
“ “ from which returns were not received.....		13
“ “ at work.....		<u>209</u>

STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS IN 1885 OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES U. D.

Initiated.....	371
Passed.....	319
Raised.....	345
Admitted in chartered Lodges.....	114
Re-instated.....	45
Suspended.....	13
Expelled.....	17
Excluded for non-payment of dues.....	177
Withdrawn.....	177
Died.....	117
Rejected.....	<u>89</u>

AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

Number of Members returned.....	6,252
“ Resident Masons not Members returned.....	<u>1,447</u>
Whole number returned.....	7,699
Add members (396), and non-affiliated Masons (116), obtained from last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1885.....	<u>512</u>
	8,211

The estimate of non-affiliated Masons not returned is discontinued, and the Grand Secretary reports only the number contained in returns last received.

In the number of Lodges reported as at work, none of the dormant Lodges now in process of reorganization are included.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

St. John Lodge, No. 1—James Alderman, James C. Borden, F. G. Robinson.

Charity Lodge, No. 5—David Harrell.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7—J. S. Rea, W. R. Skinner, P. F. White.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 8—James Kyle.

Phalanx Lodge, No. 31—John W. Grier.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40—John L. Davis, George M. Smedes.

Hall Lodge, No. 53—William T. Owens.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 56—N. R. Odom, S. L. Fuller, Joseph N. Selden.

Concord Lodge, No. 58—D. B. Botts.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64—A. M. Livingston.

Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75—Thomas Palmer.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 84—Zach. Hill.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 85—W. H. Cooper.

Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90—Levi Pippin, William Wheatley.

Western Star Lodge, No. 91—J. Brooks, Jonathan Ledbetter.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92—Washington Barnes, W. J. Exum.

Hiram Lodge, No. 98—Isaiah Herring.

Fulton Lodge, No. 99—John H. Lewis, W. F. Watson.

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106—Nelson H. Corey.

Clinton Lodge, No. 107—Cornelius Watson.

Franklin Lodge, No. 109—James J. Adair.

Wayne Lodge, No. 112—T. A. Granger, George C. Moses.

Holly Spring Lodge, No. 115—Johnson Olive, Isaac Hunter.

Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117—A. T. Bunn, G. W. Barefoot, E. W. Adams.

Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118—John Hildebrand.

Franklinton Lodge, No. 123—S. C. Blackley, B. T. Green.

Blackmer Lodge, No. 127—James B. Ballard.

Hanks Lodge, No. 128—E. F. Allred, Dennis Curtis.

Radiance Lodge, No. 132—Thomas H. Sugg.

Mt. Energy Lodge, No. 140—Jere Estes.
Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 143—Tyson Johnson.
Junaluskee Lodge, No. 145—C. T. Rogers.
Chalmers Lodge, No. 151—Lindsay Andrews.
Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158—T. S. Jenkins.
Yadkin Lodge, No. 162—P. G. Russell.
Deep River Lodge, No. 164—W. P. Russell, I. F. Caviness.
Archer Lodge, No. 165—H. L. Barnes.
Buffalo Lodge, No. 172—N. R. Bryan.
George Washington Lodge, No. 174—W. H. Crabtree.
Central Cross Lodge, No. 187—one, name not reported.
Fair Bluff Lodge, No. 190—J. H. Edmonds.
Burnsville Lodge, No. 192—T. A. Houston.
Cary Lodge, No. 198—Ira N. Allen, T. W. Young.
Cleveland Lodge, No. 202—Thomas W. Love, Martin C. Roberts,
C. L. London.
Richland Lodge, No. 214—Job Culbreth, John W. Lewis, C. H.
Phillips.
William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218—John C. Blake, J. W. Sanders.
Webster Lodge, No. 222—Bartley Harper.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 230—R. C. Tillery.
Anchor Lodge, No. 234—Y. L. Smith.
Cokesbury Lodge, No. 235—S. D. Stephenson.
Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 237—J. B. Hunter, P. B. Morgan.
Atlantic Lodge, No. 238—W. O. Harris, Levi W. Taylor, Spence
Gregory, Wiley Mathias.
Lily Valley Lodge, No. 252—Wiley Riddick.
Harnett Lodge, No. 258—D. C. Fuquay.
Hibriten Lodge, No. 262—Wm. Cottrell, A. S. Kent, G. Westman.
Farmington Lodge, No. 265—one, name not reported.
Tabasco Lodge, No. 271—Isaiah Summers.
Mebaneville Lodge, No. 272—James Cresswell.
Rehoboth Lodge, No. 279—James W. Boney.
Greenville Lodge, No. 284—B. W. Brown, William May.
Vance Lodge, No. 293—J. S. Carter, T. Gregory.
Atlantic Lodge, No. 294—T. D. Bridgman.

Stonewall Lodge, No. 296—Edmund Andrews.
Hunting Creek Lodge, No. 299—Nicholas Dalton.
Pamlico Lodge, No. 300—Barney Lincoln.
Hatcher Lodge, No. 310—John N. Flowers.
Selma Lodge, No. 320—Lawrence W. Vick.
Mattamuskeet Lodge, No. 328—Hiram G. McLaud.
Bayboro Lodge, No. 331—J. H. Miller, J. B. Sawyer, Sr.
Ashpole Lodge, No. 335—W. A. McNeill, Milton McPhaul.
Fairview Lodge, No. 339—John Berry.
Harmony Lodge, No. 340—Henry H. Davis.
Rock Spring Lodge, No. 341—J. H. Hager.
Mt. Mourne Lodge, No. 347—S. O. Beard.
Durham Lodge, No. 352—Thomas Groom, J. G. Vickers.
East La Porte Lodge, No. 358—W. Zachary.
Craighead Lodge, No. 366—J. S. Kirksey.
Mt. Pisgah Lodge, No. 368—M. C. Luter.
Mars Hill Lodge, No. 370—A. L. Ponder.
Shawnee Lodge, No. 382—R. H. Brown.
Lebanon Lodge, No. 391—D. A. Johnson, D. A. Musselwhite.

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Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
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Canada.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Colorado.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Dakota Territory.....	Charles T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Delaware.....	William S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	W. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
England.....	Shadwell H. Clerke.....	London.
Florida.....	D. C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	A. M. Wolihin.....	Macon.
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Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
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Kentucky.....	Hiram Bassett.....	Louisville.
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Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	William G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	William P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.
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Prince Edward Island ..	B. Wilson Higgs.....	Charlottetown.
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Tennessee.	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Thomas W. Hudson.....	Houston.
Utah Territory.	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
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Alabama	George D. Norris, M. D...	New Market.
Arkansas	M. M. McGuire.....	Dardanelle.
Canada.....	Lawrence H. Henderson..	Belleville, Ontario.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Florida.....	Zelotes H. Mason.....	Apopka.
Idaho.....	F. P. Cavanaugh.	Hailey.
Illinois.....	Walter A. Stevens.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	Elisha L. McLallen.....	Columbia City.
Iowa.....	John M. Zane	Sac City.
Kentucky.....	John D. Wickliffe.....	Bardstown.
Louisiana.....	Samuel M. Todd.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Albert Moore.....	North Anson.
Maryland.....	Samuel Eccles, Jr.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	Marcus M. Atwood.....	Dansville.
Minnesota.....	William S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	A. H. Barkley.....	Crawfordsville.
Missouri.....	George E. Walker.....	Bonne Terre.
Nebraska.....	Robert W. Furnas.....	Brownsville.
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Ohio.....	Stith N. Sullivan.....	Dayton.
Pennsylvania.....	Michael Nisbet.....	Philadelphia.
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Rhode Island.....	John P. Sanborn.....	Newport.
South Carolina.....	W. W. Humphrey.....	Anderson.
Tennessee.....	Jonathan S. Dawson.....	Paris.
Vermont.....	Nathan P. Bowman.....	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia.....	Alfred R. Courtney.....	Richmond.
Wisconsin.....	Thomas McWilliams.....	Eagle.

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Canada.....	George W. Blount.....	Wilson.
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Connecticut	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
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Florida.....	John Nichols.	Raleigh.
Georgia	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Idaho.....	J. H. Mills.....	Thomasville.
Illinois	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Indiana.....	Horace H. Munson.....	Wilmington.
Iowa.....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
Kentucky.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Louisiana.....	Robert B. Vance.....	Asheville.
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South Carolina.....		
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Texas.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Virginia.....	William E. Anderson.....	Raleigh.
Wisconsin.....	John Nichols.....	Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS
OF
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS
AT

GREENSBORO, JUNE 18TH, 1885.

ELK CROSS ROADS, WATAUGA CO., JUNE 24TH, 1885.

SHELBY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1885.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT GREENSBORO.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, was convened at the hall of Greensboro Lodge, No. 76, in the city of Greensboro, North Carolina, on Thursday, June 18th, A. D. 1885, A. L. 5885, at 2 o'clock P. M., and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

M. W.,	FABIUS H. BUSBEE.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	W. D. TROTTER.....as	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	J. A. PRITCHETT	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	R. H. SMITH	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	DAVID SCHENCK.....as	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
BRO.	JAMES A. BOWLES....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	WILLIAM H. RAGAN	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	J. F. JARRALL.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	ROBERT H. BRADLEY	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	W. P. CALDWELL	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
BROS.	A. A. CRUTCHFIELD, GEO. W. ALSOP..as	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
BRO.	J. N. NELSON.....as	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

M. W., E. F. WATSON, *Past Grand Master*, and a representation from a large number of lodges.

The Grand Master announced the object of this Communication to be the laying of the corner-stone of the United States Court-house, in course of construction in this city.

The Grand Master appointed M. W., E. F. Watson, *Past Grand Master*, Bearer of the Great Lights.

The procession was formed and moved to the building, the Grand Officers taking their position at the stone.

The corner-stone was laid according to the forms of the Order. In the box deposited therein were placed the following articles:

COPY OF NEWS-OBSERVER, RALEIGH, N. C.; DAILY WORKMAN, CENTRAL
 PROTESTANT, AND PATRIOT, OF GREENSBORO;
 THE ORPHANS' FRIEND, OXFORD; TWIN-CITY DAILY, WINSTON; PROCEED-
 INGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR 1885;
 BY-LAWS OF GREENSBORO LODGE, NO. 76; ANNUAL CIRCULAR OF
 THE GREENSBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; CIRCULAR OF THE SAME FOR APRIL, 1881; OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF NORTH
 CAROLINA AND GREENSBORO; NAMES OF OFFICERS
 OF GRAND LODGE PARTICIPATING IN THESE CEREMONIES; COPY OF THE
 NEW TESTAMENT; COINS; NAMES OF ARCHITECT
 AND WORKMEN ON THE BUILDING.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremonies, the procession moved to the court hall of Guilford Court-house, where a large audience had assembled. The Grand Master introduced as orator of the occasion, John N. Staples, Esq., of the city of Greensboro, whose oration is hereto appended, having been furnished by the request of the Grand Lodge, upon formal motion. At the conclusion of the oration, the procession returned to the hall of Greensboro Lodge, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

FABIUS H. BUSBEE,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Secretary.

ORATION.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, BRETHREN OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FELLOW-CITIZENS:—Many centuries ago there was constructed in the City of Jerusalem a Temple for the worship of Almighty God, surpassing in beauty and grandeur the finest models of architecture known to the history of the world. "It is said to have been supported by fourteen hundred and fifty-three columns, and two thousand nine hundred and six pilasters, all hewn from the finest Parian marble. There were employed in its building three Grand Masters, three thousand and three hundred Masters, or Overseers of the work, eighty thousand Fellow Crafts, and seventy thousand Entered Apprentices, or bearers of burdens. All these

were classed and arranged in such a manner, by the wisdom of King Solomon, that neither envy, discord, nor confusion was suffered to interrupt or disturb the peace and good fellowship which prevailed among the workmen."

In this Temple there were ornaments of gold and silver, and gorgeous decorations of diamonds and costly stones. "The wall of the outer court, or court of the Gentiles, was seven thousand seven hundred feet in circumference, and all the apartments would contain three hundred thousand people."

This magnificent House has been called the "Temple of Jehovah," and in it not only the Jews, but the Gentiles, and all nations were permitted to worship. It was not dedicated to the worship of Idols, but to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and all tongues, and tribes, and peoples bowed before its altars.

The building of this Temple occupied the period of seven years, and so nicely were the stones adjusted, and every part fitted to its place, that "neither hammer, nor axe nor any tool of iron" was heard in the house while it was building"; it soon became the just wonder of all travellers, and the magnificence of the Temple, and the glory of Solomon extended throughout the world.

"When Solomon was called to the throne of Israel there were a number of secret societies in successful operation, all professing to teach the wonderful mysteries of nature, the miraculous power of certain gods, and teaching all initiates how to escape all evils in this and the world to come." Their initiates were subjected to the most barbarous and cruel treatment, and their altars were erected to the worship of idols and heathen gods. But when King Solomon began the building of the Temple a new society was formed for the promotion of the arts and the sciences. The workmen were instructed in the wisdom of Solomon, in the building of the Temple, to such a degree, that in after ages the most beautiful and gorgeous structures, temples, towers and palaces were built by Solomon's travellers—as they were called after his death; they were taught to worship, not idols of brass, of stone nor of gold, nor heathen gods, nor the sun, nor the moon, nor the earth, nor the mountains, nor the sea, but the only true God, the God of creation, the God of man, the eternal God; they were bound together by ties of relief, of brotherly love and of truth, by *faith* in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind, and being thus bound together by a universal "chain of friendship encircling every portion of the human family, embracing every clime, and reaching to the uttermost limits of civilization," their works and deeds of benevolence and glorious history have been handed down to us from generation to generation, and to-day Masonry sways its sceptre of peace and love throughout the world.

One of the most beautiful and touching things in the sacred Scriptures is the constancy and loyalty of the Jews during their captivity in Babylon, taken thither at the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the Temple; when they sat down by the rivers of Babylon and wept, when they remembered Zion; when they hanged their harps upon the willows, when they that carried them away captive required of them mirth, and said, "Sing us one of the songs of

Zion"; they not only remained loyal to their country, but constant and faithful and true to their order, and in the space of fifty-two years by their skill and industry, under the edicts of the Babylonish King, made Babylon "the fourth of the seven wonders and the boasted mistress of the world," and thus embellishing Babylon with palaces and hanging-gardens, they made an impress upon the age, which time has not yet destroyed. When Cyrus ascended the throne, he issued a proclamation for the liberation of the Israelites, who returned from their long and painful captivity to the land they loved so well, to lay the foundation for the rebuilding of the Temple and the city of Salem." Tradition represents that the captive Jews continued secretly to hold lodges in Babylon, and many Masons were initiated by them, thus perpetuating from father to son the tenets of the institution, and preserving it in all its purity and freshness.

Now from the building of the Temple we trace the organization of the Masons, or Free Masons, called Freemasonry, "because they taught the art only to the free-born."

"Immediately after the completion of the Temple, lodges were formed in various parts of the kingdom." Anderson says, "that old constitutions relate the fact that Solomon annually assembled all the Masons in a Grand Lodge at Jerusalem, to preserve the cement of fraternity, and transmit their affairs to the latest posterity."

Mitchell says that many received their instructions from Solomon, and were, therefore, called Solomon's workmen, traveled into foreign countries in search of employment, delighted with an opportunity to disseminate the benign and holy principles of Masonry. We hear of them in Syria, Asia, Mesopotamia, and Scythia, we read of them in Assyria, Chaldea, Media, Bactria, India, Persia, Arabia, and Egypt, and also in many parts of Europe. The tradition is, that they traveled to Hercules' pillars on the West, and China on the East, and the old constitutions affirm that one called Ninus, who had been at the building of King Solomon's Temple, brought the refined knowledge of the science and the art into Germany and Gaul." These Masons were so highly esteemed in many places, they acquired privileges and immunities granted to no other people, and in some instances were exempted from taxation.

"They built lodges or rooms, in which they lived, in the vicinity of any building they undertook to erect; and by their proximity to the great and wealthy who employed them, the moral principles taught, and so rigidly lived up to, attracted general notice, which, together with their superior knowledge of the arts and sciences, soon influenced men of the greatest wealth, and of the highest order of talents to solicit and obtain association with them; and if we are to believe the manuscripts brought forward in 1718, kings, princes and potentates soon after became Grand Masters, each in his own dominion; and this is most likely, as Solomon, the wisest king, was our first Most Excellent Grand Master, and set the example," and thus it is that Masonry became disseminated, and being patronized by the great, soon grew in popular favor;

and wherever its white banner waves, you will find good and true men, faithful to themselves, faithful to their fellows, faithful to their country and faithful to their God.

Up to 1666, Masonry was principally operative, although the morals and virtues inculcated in speculative Masonry were taught, and belonged to the order from its earliest existence; indeed, there was a beautiful and harmonious combination of the principles of operative and speculative Masonry which cemented the Fraternity "into a scientific, moral and mechanical community, alike useful to the world and beneficial to themselves."

The last Grand Master of operative Masonry was Sir Christopher Wren, and the last grand achievement of operative Masonry was the rebuilding of the city of London after the terrible conflagration of 1666. Among the monuments of their skill, may be mentioned the Custom-house of London, the monument in memory of the Great fire, the steeple of Bow Church, St. Stephen's Wallbrook Church, and fifty-four other churches, among them St. Paul's Cathedral, which latter, in the language of the Grand Master, was "built for Eternity."

As I have before remarked, none but the "free-born" could obtain admission into a lodge. It was one of the laws of the ancient Greeks "that no slave should be permitted to study the arts and sciences, and hence it is that when the learned and wise of Greece sought admission and were accepted into the lodge, they obtained the name of *accepted Masons*; hence the term "Ancient, Free and Accepted Mason." From the organization of the institution down to the present day, Masonry has been patronized by the wisest, greatest and best of earth, such names as Augustus, Constantine the Great, Euclid, Demosthenes, Aristotle, Cyrus, Theodosius the Great, Frederick the Great, Washington, Wellington, Henry III., and the Holy Saints John, are some of the long countless list of illustrious names which adorn our venerable order, and countless thousands of good and true Masons live to-day, to honor an order which honors them. Two thousand years they have been marching through the centuries as they come and go, gathering strength and power and honor with each succeeding year. The first grand work has fallen and crumbled beneath the ravages of invasion, its parian walls and burnished throne have long since fallen to decay, its splendid columns and costly gems now rest beneath the rubbish of ages; the melody of song and the music of three thousand harps have long since died away in the far distant past, and the workmen who gave symmetry and beauty to the grandest and sublimest edifice of ancient or modern times have taken their flight beyond the stars, but the principles they taught, the virtues they practiced, and the religion and morals they inculcated still live, and will live on and on as long as eternity shall last.

What is speculative Masonry? What is that which binds men together—what is that mysterious sign by which one brother may know another in the dark as well as in the light—what is that something which withholds the hand of anger, silences the tongue of slander, and brings one to another's rescue in

the hour of danger—what is that which prompts men to contribute to the wants and necessities of strangers, to wipe the tear from the orphan's eye, and bind up the sorrows of the helpless widow? What magic sound is it floating upon the air in the dark hour of midnight—that will cause a man to start from his sleep and without delay rush to the rescue? What is that cement which binds together men of all nations and tribes and tongues in a common, universal fellowship and brotherhood? Ah! what a grand philosophy of morals and virtue must be that which time cannot measure, seas divide, or the illimitable realms of space confine; that which knows no north, no south, no east, no west, no religion except faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind, with the Bible as its great light and unerring chart, it defies the corroding touch of time, the anathemas of papal sovereignty, and the fiery darts of infidelity and skepticism.

Speculative Masonry is defined to be that "which teaches us to subdue our passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, and practice charity. It is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligations to pay that rational homage to the Deity, which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness. It leads the contemplative to view, with reverence and admiration, the glorious works of creation, and inspires him with the most exalted ideas of the perfection of his divine Creator."

The physical universe is within the scope of his study, the earth, the air and the sea contribute to his intellectual enjoyment; the mountains and the valleys made memorable by ancient custom, the rocks and the caves and the rivers, the vast heavens glittering with myriads of stars, and blazing planets are spread out before him; and, when *thought*, unfettered and unbound, wanders far beyond these splendid worlds, leaving millions of miles behind it, and the music of the spheres, it goes onward and upward in its flight, wilder and higher until it leaps the boundaries of space and loses itself in the sublimity of its own immortality. From God it came, to God it returns.

Masonry is nothing without the Bible, and all philosophies and religions that do not recognize the teachings of the Scriptures as the ground of their faith and works, sooner or later perish and pass away; therefore, Masonry, founded upon the principles and morality of the Bible, has withstood the ponderous weight of centuries; it has seen empires rise and fall, thrones and kingdoms, and principalities and powers come and go; it has withstood the destructive power of war, and lived through countless revolutions; it has defied the persecutions of religious bigots, and survived the wreck of earth's grandest achievements; its light that was kindled on *Mount Moriah* shines down through the darkest ages of the world, and penetrating the gloom and desolation of two thousand years, breaks upon us to-day like the sun in its meridian, brighter, more beautiful than ever before.

As the world becomes more enlightened and civilization advances, Masonry is not looked upon with that same degree of superstition and distrust as in the olden times. It is the oldest secret society in existence, and notwithstanding sev-

eral alleged *exposés* have been published to the world by men ambitious of fame and celebrity at the expense of honor, yet they have been unable to impart such information to the impostor and uninitiate as will enable him to gain admittance in a regularly constituted lodge, or enjoy without its sacred walls the benefits connected with it. There is no intellect so great, no genius so boundless, nor eye so far reaching as will constitute a man a Mason and a brother who has not experienced the feelings of initiation, and seen with his own eyes, and heard with his own ears, the mysteries and beauties of honorable, genuine membership—who has not had breathed upon him the life and vitality of Masonry around its own altars.

The beauties of Masonry consist chiefly in the lives and fellowship of its members: there is a mystic cord that binds them together, whether in prosperity or adversity, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, at home or abroad; and death itself does not rend asunder this silver cord—for as long as the descendants of a Mason ask in his name “help,” it is freely given! When a man becomes a *true* Mason, the fountain of charity is opened up in his heart, and, like the pure waters gushing from a rock, continues to flow, dispensing happiness and joy.

When a man asks a *true* Mason for bread, he does not give him a stone: when the cold, bleak winds of winter beat about the tattered form knocking at his door, he does not turn him away to perish in the cold: when the hour of adversity lays its hand heavily upon an unfortunate brother and he sinks beneath its pressure, the strong arm and the stout heart lifts him up again, and sends him on his way rejoicing. Ah, if Masonry were lived up to, what a sublimity would there be in the character and life of a true Mason! or we might say if Christianity were lived up to, and its sceptre had universal dominion, there would be no need of Masonry! But we must take the world as we find it, not as we would have it.

Whilst Masonry teaches the practice of morality, and virtue, and temperance, and relief, and brotherly love, and truth, and faith, and hope, and charity; yet, it none the less inculcates lessons of diligence in business, industry, economy and the study of the arts and sciences; it also discountenances strifes and heart-burnings, and contentions, and encourages obedience to law, and loyalty to properly constituted authority. It is strictly *non-political*, and it is not recorded in the history of the world, so far as my information goes, when Masonry as a body, as an order, participated as such in political or civil warfare. When the commotions of civil strife shake the earth to its centre, and the very clouds are rent in twain by the thunders of war, serenely and calmly Masonry sits enthroned, the rightful Sovereign of Peace. Unalloyed with politics, and independent of religious creeds, she occupies an elevated plane of philanthropy higher than the earth, and but little lower than the heavens.

For more than one hundred years Masonry has existed in North Carolina. A Provincial Grand Lodge was established in North Carolina in 1771, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, which convened alternately at

Newbern and Edenton, and the books tell us that the archives which were deposited at Edenton were destroyed by the British army during the Revolution, and for several years thereafter the meetings of the Grand Lodge were suspended, and all knowledge of its early records was lost.

"In 1787 the members of the Craft, we are told, assembled at Tarborough and compiled a Code of Laws for the government of the Grand Lodge and again commenced Masonic labors."

"In 1788 the Grand Lodge of North Carolina convened at Fayetteville, and having fully agreed upon a Constitution and By-Laws, proceeded to issue warrants for the establishment of subordinate Lodges."

Masonry had its origin in America in the city of Boston, in the year 1733, and has gradually disseminated itself throughout every portion of America, and to-day there are more than a half million of Masons in the United States, and the history of Masonry in the United States in its growth and progress is not an exception to other countries. Masonry, like all other grand achievements in this life, in science or in art, had a small beginning, and demonstrates the fact that "gradual progress is the law of permanent development"; from a handful of men organized into a small Lodge over one hundred years ago, there has grown up an army of half a million; from a little unpretending room in Boston, there have sprung up in every part of our country gorgeous temples erected to almighty God and dedicated to the Holy Saints John, where brotherly love prevails and charity is dispensed, and in every town and hamlet in the land there shines in all the splendor of the Orient, the Star of Masonry.

It has kept pace with the growth and progress of our country; and, what a splendid monument to civilization is this Republican government of ours, here, where every man is free to exercise his religious and political opinions without the fear of molestation; freedom of speech and freedom of action, together with an humble trust in a Divine Providence makes us what we are. Go back if you please one hundred years ago and see the pioneers of this Republic struggling for independence. Tell me not, that it was physical strength which overcame our enemies and brought victory to our banners! All was dark and gloomy, the horizon was like the blackness of night, without a single star to inspire hope; the long looked-for morning refused to dawn, and nothing but an invisible faith in the God of Battles cheered and comforted the true and noble hearts of the Patriots of the Revolution! They fought on, struggled on, and prayed on, in famines sometimes, and frequently in despair, they braved all, dared all, and suffered all, until finally the light began to break upon the long and weary night, the morning came, wider and brighter the light grows, farther and farther it reaches, until its brightness illuminates the Heavens, and the joyous trumpet of freedom proclaimed a new-born Republic.

From a few thousand scattered settlers we have grown to be a nation of fifty millions of people: the forests that were once vocal with screaming birds and howling beasts have disappeared before the march of progress and civilization,

and splendid cities, and cloud-piercing spires have taken their place. The rivers upon whose bosom quietly floated the canoe of the Red Man, are now the highways of trade and commerce, and the song of the boatman is heard upon their waters. The steam-car laden with the traffic of the world traverses our utmost limits, our country is girdled with electricity, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, wealth, refinement and culture prevail in the greatest degree.

Our mountains and our skies, our valleys and our rivers are fit objects for the painter's brush, and the poet's lyre; here *genius* is born; our statesmen, poets, orators and warriors arrest the world in wrapt amazement, and mankind in breathless wonder, read the story of their grand achievements.

For nearly a century, like a great light in the world's firmament, our government had been the wonder of nations, and the pride of its people.

But, suddenly, its majestic march is checked, the cannon's roar, and the sound of the trumpets of war are heard in the land, the heavens are ablaze with the lurid glare of battle, and two flags and two armies, of one tongue and one people, are struggling for the mastery. The land is drenched in blood, homes are made desolate, orphans and widows cry aloud for bread, until the human heart grows sick and weary.

The end comes. The Southern flag is furled forever within the corporate limits of this beautiful town, and the flag which floated at Guilford Court House before the guns of Cornwallis again becomes the flag of one people and one country. Of that fierce and bitter struggle I do not care to speak: of how the pride and hope of our land were victims to war's cruel fate; of the glorious death of our soldiers who sleep upon the bloody field, the blue in one grave, the gray in the other—yet there is one sentiment which should animate the heart of every patriot and every Mason, and that is this: "Let there be peace in the land."

Sectional feeling and bitterness are rapidly disappearing in every part of our country, the passions of war are subsiding, and the North and the South are beginning to understand each other. Their interests of trade and of commerce are the one dependent upon the other, and the time is not far away when the dead of both sections and of both armies shall be regarded as the dead of a common country and of one people.

General Grant, himself, the most illustrious military chieftain now living, but whose hours may be counted, in the dedication of his memoirs makes no discrimination or sectional reference, but inscribes his last legacy to his country, "*To the American Soldier and Sailor.*" May the day speedily come, when these war passions and prejudices which, like an evil bird, are heard in some parts of the country, pass away forever; when the government of our fathers may have a home and a habitation in every part of our land and an abiding place in the hearts of all the people.

The time is propitious for seed-sowing and the harvest will come on apace. The coming generation must be taught to love their country and its institutions. The young men of the land are for peace. The gray-haired fathers in Israel who are bent with age and with the cares of life, counsel peace. The

mothers and maidens of America pray for peace. Yet, there are those who would open the graves of our battle-slain, and fight the war over again. Thank God they are not the men, however, who saw their comrades fall, who shrouded them in bloody blankets, and over their honored graves fired the military salute, but they are those who stood afar off, with neither the smoke of battle in their nostrils, nor the smell of fire upon their garments. Upon all such, let the patriotic people of the country, regardless of party or locality, turn their backs. They are neither friends to the government, nor promoters of the national peace. In this hour of governmental tranquillity, when the administration, discarding all sectional differences and localities, seeks to blot out all lines of war and discord and administer public affairs for the promotion of the public good, let our people with one accord unite in upholding so just and patriotic a policy. The Chief Magistrate who would thus encourage domestic peace, ensure national happiness, and preserve the equality of the States under the Constitution, is a blessing to the people, an honor to the nation, and a benefactor of his race.

Regarding the possibilities of our country too infinite, and the genius of our free institutions too precious to the liberty-loving of mankind, he would not neglect the one or impair the other for the sake of political advantage. Knowing that that man is an enemy of society and national advancement who would estrange the people of one section from the people of the other, he stands upon the heights of national patriotism, overlooking all sectionalism, seeing no North, no South, no East, no West, no glory which is not national, no destiny which is not common, no country but the Union. Such a man in any age and in any country deserves the approbation of his fellows, the confidence of mankind, and an imperishable name in his country's history.

The erection of this magnificent building in our midst will stimulate the affections of our people, and rekindle in their bosoms a love for the government, whose munificence is thus exhibited, and whose strength and power are thus manifested.

We hail it to-day as an abiding benediction, a perpetual monument of the stability of the Union, a grand demonstration of the imperishable nature of our free institutions, and a practical exemplification of the genius and glory of the American character.

Let it stand as a Temple of Justice forever, where the rights of the citizen can neither be bought nor sold, and at whose altars the ministers of the law may be just and incorruptible.

Let its walls and foundation stones stand unscathed and unshaken amidst the storms and winds and lightnings which, in the course of nature, must come and beat upon them: like the government which it represents, let it survive, while other structures crumble and perish beside it.

Let it stand as an asylum for the oppressed, a home where liberty may live, a place where the Constitution and laws of the country may be administered for the good of the people, without favor or affection, reward or the hope of reward, in the fear of God.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT ELK CROSS ROADS, N. C.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened at the hall of Elk Lodge, No. 373, at Elk Cross Roads, North Carolina, on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, A. D. 1885, A. L. 5885, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened in due form.

PRESENT:

A. F. DAVIS (Special Deputy)	as <i>Grand Master.</i>
E. F. LOVILL	as <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
J. B. HOPKINS	as <i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
WILLIAM S. DAVIS	as <i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
C. M. GRAYBEAL	as <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
WILLIAM C. HULCHER	as <i>Grand Secretary.</i>
J. S. RAGAN	as <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
T. L. CRITCHER	as <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
D. F. BAIRD	as <i>Grand Marshal.</i>
S. H. PHILLIPS	as <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
W. E. GREEN, C. F. BALDWIN	as <i>Grand Stewards.</i>

Representatives were in attendance from a number of lodges.

The object of the Communication, as stated by the acting Grand Master, was to lay the corner-stone of the new hall of Elk Lodge, No. 373, at Elk Cross Roads, N. C.

After the acting Grand Master had made his appointments, the procession was formed and moved to the new building, where the procession reversed order, and the Grand Officers took their position at the stone, the brethren forming a line on the north and south. The articles were placed in the vault of the stone by the acting Grand Treasurer, and the corner-stone was then laid according to the prescribed forms of the Order. The procession returned to the hall, and the hall was dedicated to the uses of Masonry. The Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

A. F. DAVIS,
Acting Grand Master.

WM. C. HULCHER,
Acting Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT SHELBY.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at the hall of Cleveland Lodge, No. 202, at Shelby, Cleveland county, on Monday, December 28th, 1885. Brother John W. Gidney, having been deputed by the Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge in due form, with the necessary officers and representation from lodges present.

The ceremonies of dedicating the hall of Cleveland Lodge, No. 202, were performed according to the forms of the Order, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

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